

Fall Festival set for October 19

SULPHUR, Okla. - Traditional food, games and fun will be the focus of the annual Fall Festival, set for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19 at the Chickasaw Cultural Center, Sulphur.

This special autumn celebration will feature a children's pumpkin patch, stomp dancing, storytelling, and Chickasaw language and cultural demonstrations. Traditional Chickasaw food will include roasted corn, pashofa, fry bread, grape dumplings and much more. The food will be available to sample throughout the day.

Living history performers in the traditional "living village" will portray Chickasaw life as it was in the 1750s and the whole family can participate in interactive activities including stick ball, horticulture booths, traditional games and archery.

In addition, a Chickasaw author will be on hand for a book signing, and the Eagle Adventure exhibit opens. Based on the children's Eagle Books, the Eagle Adventure exhibit features fun activities for the entire family and includes type 2 diabetes prevention information. The activities begin Oct. 16 and continue through Dec. 27.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center Fall Festival is free and open to the public.

Several other events are planned for the upcoming months at the Cultural Center, including Multi Tribal Day, Nov. 2; Veterans Day Celebration Nov. 9-11; Thanksgiving Celebration Nov. 22-24; and Christmas Celebration, Dec. 7.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center is located at 867 Charles Cooper Memorial Road in Sulphur. For more information, please visit www.chickasawculturalcenter.com or call (580) 622-7130.

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Cultural Center welcomes over 200,000 visitors

SULPHUR, Okla. - Since opening in 2010, the Chickasaw Cultural Center has welcomed more than 200,000 visitors from around the world.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center, located on 109 acres in Sulphur, is an interactive museum designed to allow visitors to truly experience the living history and culture of the Chickasaw people. With showcases, interactive media stations and hands-on classes, the cultural center has consciously departed from the traditional museum "displays-under-glass" format to provide visitors with a deep connection to Chickasaw culture.

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Times introduces new format; call for extra copies

This issue of *the Chickasaw Times* introduces the newspaper's new broadsheet format.

Mail lists have been consolidated so each Chickasaw household will receive one newspaper.

If you want to receive extra copies of *the Times*, please contact the office of the Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar at 1-888-661-0137

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Come and join us! Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting, Festival Sept. 28 through Oct. 5

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - Chickasaws from across the country will come home to celebrate the 2013 Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival, Sept. 28 through Oct. 5.

The theme for the 2013 Annual Meeting and Festival is "Coming Home: Sharing Our Stories."

"Chickasaws travel hundreds of miles to join in the Annual Meeting and Festival each year to renew their connection to the Chickasaw Nation," Governor Bill Anoatubby said. "While Chickasaw people have always had a close connection to the land, the Chickasaw Nation is comprised of people who are bound together by culture and heritage. This year, we will celebrate the inspirational stories of all those who call the Chickasaw Nation home."

This year marks the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Chickasaw Nation and the 25th Chickasaw Festival.

Activities begin Saturday, Sept. 28 and culminate Saturday, Oct. 5.

Numerous events are planned for the week-long homecoming that celebrates Chickasaw heritage, culture and spirit.

Annual Meeting, State of the Nation, Oct. 5

The 53rd Annual Meeting of the Chickasaw Nation is highlighted by Gov. Anoatubby's State of the Nation Address. Annual Meeting begins at 9 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 5 at Fletcher Auditorium on the campus of Murray State College in Tishomingo.

Following Gov. Anoatubby's State of the Nation Address, Tishomingo's Main Street will be the scene of the Festival Parade at 11:45 a.m.

A wide variety of exciting events and activities will take place throughout Tishomingo October 5, at the historic Chickasaw Capitol, Pennington Park, Murray State College campus, Johnston County Sports complex and other venues.

The Southeastern Art Show and Market will begin at 11:30 a.m. on the Capitol grounds. Chickasaw Press book signings, stickball, dance troupe and cultural demonstrations will be conducted from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the same location.

A traditional Chickasaw meal will be served at 11:45 a.m. on the Murray State College lawn. A health fair will coincide with the lunch.

A petting zoo, kids' activities and a "make and take tent" will be open from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., at Tishomingo's Pennington Park.

Horseshoe Tournament registration and live entertainment will begin at noon at Pennington Park. Arts and crafts and food vendors will be located at the park from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Chickasaw White House in Emet, the Chickasaw Bank Museum in Tishomingo, and the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, will also be open for tours Oct. 5.

Saturday concludes with a stickball exhibition match at 4 p.m.

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Chickasaw warrior sculpture dedicated at Remington Park

OKLAHOMA CITY - Officials with the Chickasaw Nation, along with state and local leaders, gathered August 31 for the dedication of the Chickasaw Horse and Rider sculpture at Remington Park. In celebration of the track's 25th anniversary, the Chickasaw Nation commissioned famed Native American artist Enoch Kelly Haney to create the artwork.

Governor Bill Anoatubby said the sculpture Chickasaw warrior atop a galloping pony represented the spirit of the Chickasaw people.

"Kelly Haney has created a beautiful work of art to help us celebrate this significant milestone for Remington Park," Gov. Anoatubby said. "When we purchased Remington Park in 2009, we believed it had a great deal of potential. Since then, we have seen good results from our efforts to enhance the facility and

customer service. We have also enjoyed tremendous support from the community which has enabled the racetrack to continue to grow as an entertainment staple in the Oklahoma City area."

Measuring 12 feet tall, 14 feet wide and weighing nearly 3,500 pounds, The sculpture features a Chickasaw warrior on a running Chickasaw horse. It is placed on a stream located on the track's Plaza. Jets located at the horses' hooves push the stream's water to simulate that the horse is running through the stream toward a waterfall feature.

Mr. Haney said many people were involved in creating the finished statue.

"I didn't do this by myself, Mr. Haney said. "As it is with life, as we go through life and try to achieve our goals, it takes a team working

together."

Mr. Haney said he did a great deal of research to ensure the statue was historically accurate.

The Chickasaw Horse is considered the grandfather of the modern Quarter Horse. Hundreds of years ago, Chickasaws bred horses that met their needs for field work, hunting and transportation. The Chickasaw Horse included bloodlines of English Thoroughbreds, Spanish Barbs and mustangs.

Mr. Haney is an internationally recognized artist. During his 40-year art career, he has received many awards including the title of Master Artist of the Five Civilized Tribes. Among his work is the Chickasaw Warrior

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at the Johnston County Sports Complex. The Johnston County Riding Club Rodeo begins at 8 p.m.

Stomp Dance

A traditional Stomp Dance from 8 p.m. - 2 a.m., Friday, Sept. 27 at Kullihoma opens the week-long festivities.

Corn Stalk Shoot, Junior Olympics, Softball Tourney, Fun Run

A traditional corn stalk shoot will begin at 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 28 at Kullihoma. Junior Olympics, a co-ed softball tournament, a golf tournament and a 5K Run/Walk will be Saturday, Sept. 28 in Tishomingo. The four-person scramble golf

tournament registration is 7:30 a.m. at the Tishomingo Golf Course. Play begins at 9 a.m. Junior Olympics begin at 10 a.m. at the Tishomingo High School Football Field and a co-ed softball tournament begins at 9 a.m. at the Johnston County Sports Complex. New this year, a 5K Fun Run/Walk begins at 8:30 a.m. Sept. 28. The Chickasaw Princess Pageant will be at 6 p.m., Monday, Sept. 30 at the Ada High School Cougar Activity Center in Ada. The movie "Brave" will be shown at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 1 on the Chickasaw Capitol lawn. Chickasaw elders will compete in the annual Senior Olympics from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wed., Oct. 2 at the Johnston County

Sports Complex, Tishomingo.

Cultural Evening, Arts and Culture Awards

The Cultural Evening will begin at 4 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 3 at the Chickasaw Cultural Center. This event will be followed by the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Culture Awards at 6:30 p.m. The Southeastern Art Show

Humanities Forum set for October 24

ADA, Okla. - The third annual Lowak Sho'li "Carry the Fire" Native Humanities Forum is set for 6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 24 at the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities building in Ada. The forum is an opportunity for dialogue among Native and non-Native people. The subject is Native humanities and the development and welfare of local communities and the state of Oklahoma. The forum will be in the facility's Black Box Theatre. Lowak Sho'li will feature a panel of five Native American scholars. Basic tenets of the humanities, historic contributions of Native and non-Native humanities, important current initiatives and cross-cultural understanding and cooperation will be discussed. The forum is set up in a question-and-answer format and will last about two hours. Questions from the audience will be welcome during discussions by scholars. This program is funded in part by the Oklahoma Humanities Council (OHC) and the National Endowment for the Humanities

and Market opens at 9 a.m., Friday, Oct. 4, on the Capitol grounds. Cultural tours for area schools, tours of local museums and children's activities will be available in Tishomingo from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Tours of the Chickasaw White House in Emet, and the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur

will be available. For more information, including schedule of events and vendor applications, visit www.chickasaw.net/annualmeeting or call (580) 371-2040 or 1 (800) 593-3356. The Annual Meeting and Festival event schedule is subject to change. Please visit often for the latest event updates. CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, Media Relations.

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sculpture located at the headquarters of the Chickasaw Nation in Ada. He is also well known for The Guardian sculpture that is atop the dome of the Oklahoma Capitol building. He also served a four-year term as Principal Chief of the Seminole Nation. Oklahoma City-based The Team Outdoor Lifestyle created and installed the Plaza's new waterfall and landscaping addition.

About Remington Park

Tracked by over 40,000 fans on Facebook and 4,200 Twitter fol-

lowers, Remington Park is Oklahoma City's only racetrack and casino and is located at the junction of Interstates 35 & 44, in the heart of the Oklahoma City Adventure District. For more information, reservations and group bookings please call (405) 424-1000, 866-456-9880 or visitremingtonpark.com. CONTRIBUTED BY Tony Choate, Media Relations.

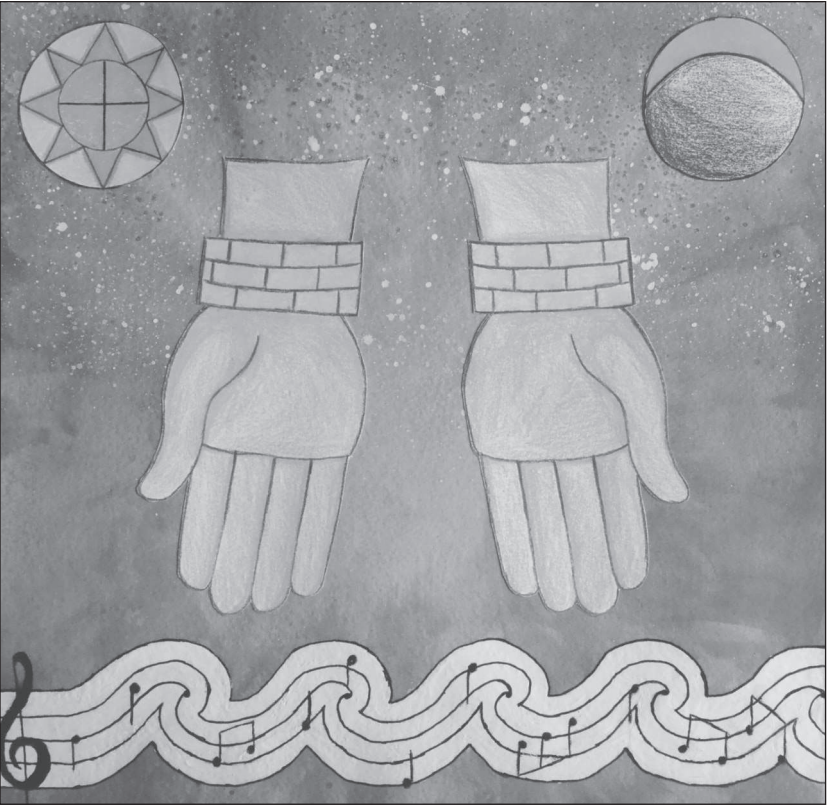
Harvest Fest scheduled for October 19 at Chickasaw White House in Emet

EMET, Okla. - The 2013 Harvest Fest is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 19, at the Chickasaw White House in Emet. The free event offers the attendees a chance to step back into the early 1900s with food and activities exemplifying the lives of Chickasaw Nation Governor Douglas H. Johnston and his family. Festivities include carriage rides, crafts, children's activities, old-time fiddling by "The Boggy River Bluegrass Band" and gun-fights by "The Oklahombres." Lunch will be provided. Tours of the White House will

also be available throughout the day. The Chickasaw White House is located at the north edge of Emet, 10 miles east of Tishomingo, Okla. For more information, please call (580) 371-9835. CONTRIBUTED BY Nicole Walls, Public Affairs.

Classical music by young Chickasaw composers

'Tobachi' CD to be released at Festival



The second classical music CD featuring the compositions of young Chickasaw composers, "Tobachi" (to create) will be released during the 2013 Chickasaw Festival. This 21-song collection showcases the contemporary classical music of Chickasaw Nation Summer Arts Academy students. "Our Chickasaw and Native students who were involved in this project are incredibly talented and they should be very proud of what they have accomplished, Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. A collaborative effort among Thunderbird Records, Oklahoma City University - Wanda L. Bass School of Music, the Linden String Quartet and the students, "Tobachi" features original tracks created during Chickasaw Nation Summer Arts Academy. "Tobachi" composers and compositions include: Katie Barrick: "Caffeine Smile" and "Not for the Faint of Heart" Dylan Bennett: "Frozen" and "Triangular Doorknobs of San Francisco"

De'Jean Clement: "Lullaby" Wyatt Coe: "Marching," "Oblivious" and "Warlordz Waltz" Ryan May: "For String Quartet" and "Qwoplets" Maren Gillet: "Merody" Me Way Seh Greenwood: "Strength and Honor" Aubrey Halford: "Finally Beautiful" Mikayla Hollis: "The Fiddler's Revenge" and "Heavy Rhapsody" Tori Murray: "Music Box," "Day is too Short" and "Midnight Mewzik" Amanda Shackleford: "The End of the Beginning" Savannah Smith: "Identity Crisis" Alene Tharp: "Le Long du Littoral" "Tobachi" is the follow-up project to "Oshtali," a ground-breaking album featuring works by young Native composers. Composer Dylan Bennett, 20, participated in both projects. Mr. Bennett says he appreciated the uniqueness of this project. "To have opportunity to work with a professional quartet and

have a professional recording is great and it is what every student hopes for at such as young age. he said. The Chickasaw Nation Summer Arts Academy, Mr. Bennett said, had opened many new doors and new possibilities for him. "Before the Summer Arts Academy, I didn't know this world existed. Now, I've opened up to this whole musical world with people who actually appreciate the music they create and who appreciate the music other people create. It is a fun thing to be involved in." Mr. Bennett recently completed his first semester at the University of Oklahoma. He is a composition major. Not only did Wyatt Coe, 16, learn the art of composing at the Arts Academy, he also formed new friendships. He created three short pieces which were recorded for "Tobachi." Wyatt traveled from his home in upstate New York to Oklahoma City with the sole mission of participating in the recording project. Thunderbird records producer Alan Bise worked with all 13 students during the recording process. Mr. Bise said most students were initially timid about the recording process, but quickly got to the task at hand. "I think they are a little shocked a first, but they quickly settle into the process and they are not afraid to speak their mind," he said. The quality of the student's work, Mr. Bise said, was "fantastic" and the project was a "win-win" for all involved. "It's fantastic to have this opportunity, especially for students, to do this in Oklahoma," he said. The Linden String Quartet performed the music for "Tobachi." The quartet's members include Sarah McElravy and Catherine Cosbey, violins, Eric Wong, viola, and Felix Umansky, cello. Founded in 2008, the Linden

String Quartet has enjoyed success, winning gold medals and grand prizes at several national chamber music competitions. Chickasaw composer Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate led the composition group at the Arts Academy. "Tobachi" also features unique CD cover art by one of the composers, Me-Way-Seh Greenwood. Mr. Greenwood was one of the Arts Academy students who submitted two-dimensional works for consideration as CD cover art. For more information about "Tobachi," please contact Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520. About the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy The Chickasaw Nation is the only tribe in the U.S. that sponsors its own fine arts academy. Chickasaw and American Indian students, ages 8 to19, major in Art, Dance, Literature, Music Composition, Theatre and Video Production, culminating in a grand public performance at the end of the academy.

About Thunderbird Records

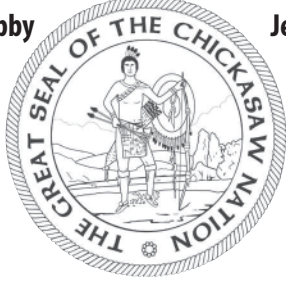
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Chickasaw Nation now accepting online donations for Chickasaw disaster survivors

The Chickasaw Nation is accepting online monetary donations to support Chickasaw citizens and Chickasaw Nation employees affected by disasters throughout the country. You are encouraged to help those affected by visiting www.Chickasaw.net/relief to make your donations to the Chickasaw Nation Disaster Relief and Recovery Fund. The goal of the fund is to offer individuals the opportunity to contribute to relief and recovery efforts associated with disasters and crises, such as the May tornados that impacted multiple Oklahoma communities. One hundred percent of the donations received will be used to fund disaster relief and recovery efforts. Donations will be effectively and efficiently distributed to serve as many individuals as possible, while also maintaining a high level of accountability. All donations are tax deductible and a tax receipt will be provided upon completion of the donation. For more information regarding donations, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030 or ChickasawFoundation@chickasaw.net.

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The Chickasaw trait of ‘sticking with it’ has built a great nation

Perseverance is the quality of “sticking with it” and coming out for the better. Perseverance is one of the great hallmarks of the Chickasaw Nation.

We need simply to study our tribe's history to understand the importance of perseverance to all Chickasaw people. Throughout the 18th century and well into the 19th, the Chickasaw Nation sailed through very choppy waters. European contact, shifting alliances, modern weaponry and tactics all changed our world drastically. We were constantly adapting and holding fast against the challenges.

By the 1830s, we were ordered removed from our homelands by a U.S. president who ignored the rulings of the U.S. Supreme Court. We had persevered with great strength and dignity, but by 1837 we had to move our people due to an oncoming wave of migration from the East.

Following our removal to our new lands, we scratched out a new existence as we also fought off attacks from our west. We negotiated for our own Chickasaw Nation, distinct geographically and culturally from all other tribes, and established our constitution. And the effort had really only started.

As we endeavored to build our communities, schools, churches, businesses and other institutions, more pressure came from the East. We were in Indian country, but the continual expansion of railroads, adventurers and settlers tested us again.

By the end of the 19th century, we were being thrust



GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor, the Chickasaw Nation

1970 was a watershed event for the Chickasaw Nation, and all tribes. Our tribal sovereignty, which had always been our bedrock, was now recognized as the vehicle by which Indian tribes and people could be responsible for their

into the period of allotment. As good-hearted as some of the allotment proponents were, there were plenty of other people who simply looked forward to grabbing land, minerals and other property.

Once allotment had occurred, the Chickasaw people persevered through decades of suffering and want. Federal Indian policy was like a chameleon, ever-changing. Things were more often worse than better. Chickasaw families really suffered even as they worked hard, and made less, to support themselves. With the slow 1960s realization that Indian sovereignty was a positive for both the tribes and the country, our station began to change for the better. Pres. Nixon's Special Message to the Congress on Indian Affairs in

own people and their own success.

The Chickasaw people had endured through times of tremendous depravation, poverty and want. It would have been the easy route to simply disband our tribe and forget about our history of achievement and success. We did not disband or forget. We persevered, and that is the Chickasaw way.

We had our struggles as we found our way through the 1970s and 80s as the modern Chickasaw Nation. But again we persevered, reformed our government and constitution, and took off on what is arguably the most exciting tribal success story in the country.

For the Chickasaw Nation, our tribal businesses really found their legs in the 1990s and have exploded to new heights. Our commercial net income has displayed consistent, positive growth, and that is deeply gratifying. The resources we reap in the marketplace are aggressively driving our investments in all the essential programs on which Chickasaws rely.

Our tribal education programs, health care initiatives, cultural outreach, housing starts, elder programs and so much more are booming – and achieving dramatic results.

We will no doubt encounter challenges ahead. And we will meet those challenges head-on. Our Chickasaw Nation history tells us we will persevere, and succeed.

When we Chickasaws work together, we will persevere – and accomplish great things!

Chickasha Apihchi Ikbi young leaders enjoy Washington, D.C. tour



Chickasaw leaders of tomorrow

Members of the Chickasha Apihchi Ikbi Program spent six days in Washington, D.C. The leadership program included a guided tour of the many memorials and museums. Bottom row from left, Meagan Gaines, Macee Wyatt, Ciera Cox. Second row from left, Annie Wall, Kevin Hickman, Talissa Smith, Lindsey Broughton, Shelby Smith, Melissa Ellis, Faithlyn Seawright, Taylor Taliaferro, Makenzie McCurtain. Third row from left, Britany Lofton, Jacob Kramer, Danya Hook, Katrina Asberry, Josh Neesmith, Kelsey Norton, Brock Bolding, Savannah Brown, Reide Wilson, Kim Lonzo. Fourth row from left, Dylan Kramer, Malik Dunn, Nahinli Billy, Deondre Kendrick, Joseph Ruiz.

Next generation of Chickasaw leaders tour Washington, D.C.

Future leaders involved with the Chickasha Apihchi Ikbi “Creating Chickasaw Leaders” Program spent six days in Washington, D.C., July 22 thru 27. The trip offered 26 participants educational, cultural and leadership opportunities that they will long remember.

“I do not believe that there is a more educational location that we could have taken the students,” said youth leadership manager Kristopher Darbison. “From seeing the memorials, president’s homes, plays and museums, this trip offered leadership and education on a level that will impact the students’ lives and memories.”

To prepare students to be more than local and regional leaders, a guided tour of Capitol Hill was conducted. Students spent time at the National Archives, the permanent home of the U.S. Constitution, Bill of Rights and Declaration of Independence. Participants also toured the Smithsonian Institute, the world’s largest museum complex.

“The Capitol Tour was similar to the Oklahoma State Capitol Tour,” Mr. Darbison said. “The size of the Capitol and memorabilia and monuments we saw doesn’t compare.”

Learning about past and current leaders of the United States was paramount for the future leaders. While in the D.C. area, the group toured both Mount Ver-

non and the White House.

Mount Vernon was home to our first president, George Washington, and has been preserved in its original colonial condition. The White House is modern and is home to current President Barack Obama.

Students were amazed at the differences between the two homes. They said they enjoyed seeing both American treasures.

One of America’s greatest presidents was honored by the next generation of Chickasaw leaders as they visited Arlington National Cemetery, resting place of President John Kennedy. While at the

cemetery, students took time to visit the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, witnessed the changing of the guard and the explored the Arlington House.

No leadership trip to Washington, D. C., would be complete without a trip to the Mall to visit the Lincoln Memorial.

While at the Mall, the group visited the Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial. A few of the students had heartfelt moments.

“Some of the students were able to take pictures of their family members’ names on the wall,” Mr. Darbison said.

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Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi Program

Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi is a Chickasaw Nation youth leadership program available to Chickasaw students ages 14 to 18.

The 12-month program is designed to provide youth with leadership opportunities and to educate participants about different types of leadership, and what it truly means to be a leader.

Students selected to participate in Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi are provided the opportunity to learn about government and self-governance, professional etiquette, relationship enhancement training, abstinence education, budgeting, core values, leadership and professional relations trainings and much more.

During the 12-month program, students engage in a variety of events including government building and facilities tours, a two-day tribal tour, a week-long educational trip, college visits and community service opportunities.

To be eligible, students must have a valid CDIB card, attend scheduled leadership seminars and 75 percent of regular community meeting, maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher and be committed to setting a positive example for other young people.

For more information about Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi, contact the Division of Youth Services at (580) 310-6620.



Governor Bill Anoatubby proclaims August 20, 2013 as the “Chickasaw Nation Day of Prayer.”

Chickasaw Nation Day of Prayer commemorates ‘the blessings given to us’

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - Hundreds gathered at the historic Chickasaw Capitol in Tishomingo, Okla., on Aug. 20 as Governor Bill Anoatubby proclaimed “Chickasaw Nation Day of Prayer.”

“We, the leaders and citizens of the Chickasaw Nation, believe the hand of the supreme authority and almighty God is evident in all affairs of men and nations,” Gov. Anoatubby said.

Representatives from the Cherokee, Choctaw, Creek, Seminole and Yuchi Nations joined Gov. Anoatubby in giving thanks and “recognizing the blessings given to us.”

Pastor and Chickasaw Nation Medical Center Chaplain Randy Wade opened the celebration and thanked those in attendance for their presence. Rev. Wade was instrumental in the idea behind the day of prayer and was “very grateful” for the acceptance of Gov. Anoatubby and Chickasaw leadership.

“I was very excited and honored that Governor Anoatubby and the many leaders of the Chickasaw Nation were able to take part,” Rev. Wade said. “Seventeen area churches were also represented

at this great day of prayer and thanksgiving.”

As the Chickasaw Nation has much to be thankful for, he said, we must be aware of the blessings and always remember to give thanks. He believes being thankful is part of the Chickasaw and Native American heritage.

“As native people, our relationship with a spiritual Creator has always been a part of who we are, there has always been a connection with the natural and spiritual,” Rev. Wade said.

Knowing of the trials Chickasaws and other tribes have faced throughout history, and how Native people have shown tremendous resilience through these trials makes this day all the more special for Rev. Wade.

“Through everything we have faced as a people, God has kept us and we have prevailed,” he said.

“So it is a day to honor Him, individually and as a people. A day to give thanks to the One that has provided for us and brought us to where we are today. And it is because of our faith in Him through Jesus Christ that we are a blessed people.”

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This month on CNTV

In the month of October, CNTV will air one super-sized episode covering the Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival.

The Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival will take place September 28 through October 5. The theme for this year’s meeting and festival is “Coming Home: Sharing Our

Stories.” Watch a recap of the celebration this year, including the parade, cultural tours, the Chickasaw Princess Pageant and the Chickasaw Cultural Evening in our special feature on CNTV.

Visit www.chickasaw.tv and click on the News channel to watch CNTV.

Disaster Relief Drive

The Chickasaw Nation will host a disaster relief drive to benefit the families and individuals impacted by the May 2013 tornadoes.

New coats, toys, bed linens and towels of all shapes and sizes may be dropped off at any Chickasaw Nation Area Of-

fice from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, during the month of October and on Saturday, October 5 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Murray State College Student Center, next to the Annual Meeting registration booth.

All items collected will be donated to tornado victims.

Connect with Congress and support Special Diabetes Program for Indians

Hello Everyone, I hope the fall season has started out a pleasant one for each of you. I recently attended an Oklahoma Inter-tribal Diabetes Consortium meeting held at the Oklahoma City Area IHS office as a guest speaker. I was asked to give an update on the recent actions of the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee and how our ongoing fight for funding was proceeding.



CONNIE BARKER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

I reported that in April of this year, the TLDC engaged in consultation with the Indian Health Service and recommended that the national funding distribution for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians remain that same for FY 2014. IHS accepted our recommendation and funding for the programs at area hospitals and clinics will continue. At this point, the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) is funded at \$150 million dollars a year, and still there is a shortfall for the programs. The TLDC works closely with the National Indian Health Board and in June of this year, participated in launching the SDPI Renewal Campaign. NIHB continues to provide educational materials that show the tremendous impact SDPI is having in Indian Country through SDPI grantee success stories, outstanding health outcome statistics and photos on the web based SDPI Resource Center website. The SDPI Recourse Center makes SDPI information more accessible to the public and features a Congressional Tracker which highlights Members of Congress who have pledged their support for SDPI Renewal. You can visit the SDPI Resource Center website at www.nihb.org/sdpi

In my capacity as a Tribal leader, I encourage each of you to participate in this effort to connect with Congress and bring a sense of urgency to this effort. Remember, Members of Congress are always looking for opportunities to meet with their constituents.

The committee is also planning for the next TLDC Quarterly Meeting at the IHS Albuquerque Area Office November 7-8. These meetings are open to the public so I hope to see you there.

Thank you and God bless you
Connie Barker, Tribal Legislator

Special feeling of blessing at first Chickasaw Nation Day of Prayer ceremony

Chokma, Chinchokma, Hello, How are you? "As Chickasaw people, we recognize the blessings we have received are from God. Today, we take an opportunity to give thanks for the blessings that have been bestowed upon our great Nation."

Those were the words spoken at the first Chickasaw Nation Day of Prayer. The people who gathered under a tent on a beautiful, warm August day in Tishomingo, Oklahoma represented many tribes and ethnic groups, but were united in the purpose of acknowledging and thanking God for His many blessings.



NANCY ELLIOTT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

As we contemplate the state of the world today, with all the wars, natural disasters, lawlessness and economic uncertainty, it would be so easy to give up in despair. However, I am convinced that the Chickasaw Nation has been blessed because we humbly acknowledge our Creator at our meetings and gatherings and thank Him for those blessings. October is our time to gather for our Annual Meeting and Festival, to renew acquaintances, to immerse ourselves in our traditional culture, to elect new Chickasaw Princesses, who will represent our tribe around

the world, and to acknowledge those special people who have given unselfishly of their time and resources to preserve our culture and teach those coming after them the ways of our ancestors. October is also a special time in my family as we thank God for my beautiful mother and honor her birthday. "Happy 90th Birthday, Mom!" See you at the Festival! Please let me know if I can help you in any way.

Chipsisala cho anowa, Until I see you again,
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Legislator Nancy Elliott with her mother, Bea Barrick.

Former Carter Seminary student seeking connection to 1940-42 classmates

Life is full of surprises! Not having an opponent this past election cycle was one of them for me! Without your vote of support and encouragement, I would have a hard time doing my job. Thank you for taking the time to contact me with your comments, ideas, issues and needs. Greetings to all of the newest members of the Panola District, I am excited to have you on board with us. Due to the current rules and regulations at the Chickasaw Nation, I am unable to access a new and updated list of Chickasaw Citizens for the Panola District. This has hampered my ability to reach out and touch all of you! Please feel free to call, email, text or mail me a letter. I would thoroughly enjoy receiving a word from you!



BETH ALEXANDER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

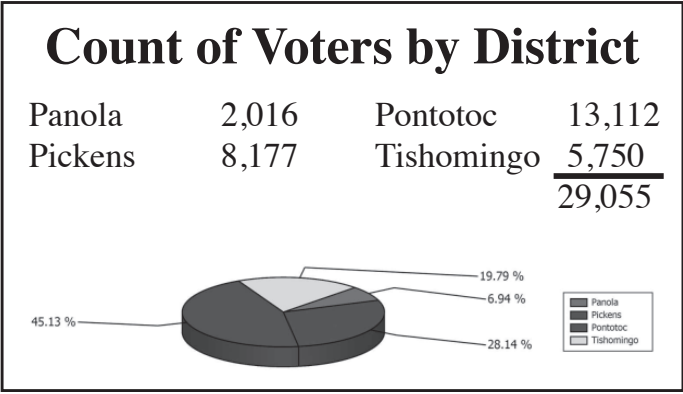
As a Legislator, I meet and visit with a variety of citizens! This is a highlight for me! Back in July at a Chickasaw Council meeting in Vancouver, Washington I had the opportunity to visit with Mrs. Janice Sealy Tune and some of her children. Janice (pronounced Janeese) was born in Willis, Oklahoma to Mr. Willie and Minnie Fay Sealy. Her Grandfather, Dave Sealy, was one of the Chickasaw Lighthorse. Janice attended fourth and fifth grade at Carter Seminary in Ardmore, Oklahoma (Approximately 1940-1942). She often wonders whatever became of her Carter Seminary Classmates. One of her childhood friends was Faynee Bell Wilford. Anyone out there have more information on Faynee or any of the other students that attended Carter Seminary during this time? If so, contact Janice at (503) 698-4143. Currently, Janice resides in Clackamas, Oregon near her children and in her spare time she enjoys working jigsaw puzzles. I can't wait to hear about an update on Faynee or the other Carter Seminary students.

Next month, I hope to give you an update on the Collin's Family tomahawk/peace pipe and share some bits and pieces of Chickasaw history.

A man's discretion makes him slow to anger. And it is his glory to overlook a transgression. Proverbs 19:11
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Back row from left, Janis Bell (daughter) Dennis Tune (son), front row from left, Marty Bell holding Bijoux (dog) Janice Sealy Tune.



Tuscumbia 'Walk of Life' commemorates removal of people from the homelands

Hello Everybody! Two years ago, Rose Jefferson, Billie Easterling, Beth Alexander and I took a road trip to Tuscumbia, Alabama, to participate in "The Walk of Life" and the annual Oka Kapassa-Return to Coldwater festival. This year, we did it again! With the four of us, it was like



KATIE CASE

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Thelma and Louise times two! We had a great time. "The Walk of Life" and the annual Oka Kapassa-Return to Coldwater festival honors the Native Americans removed from their traditional homelands and commemorate the Trail of Tears. The removal route through Tuscumbia is a major route for Chickasaws, Cherokees and Creeks. Some rode trains and some walked to Tuscumbia where they waited in stockades until they were put on flatboats for the next leg of the journey to Indian Territory. As we stood under the canopy of the huge trees, on the old narrow dirt road down which so many of our ancestors were forcibly walked to a boat landing on the Tennessee River, Rose offered a prayer in Chickasaw. The completeness of the shade, the reverence of the walk's participants and Rose's prayer confirmed we were standing on sacred ground.

"The Spirit of Native people, the first people, have never died. It lives in the rocks and the forests, the rivers and the mountains. It murmurs in the brooks and whispers in the trees. The hearts of these people were formed of the earth that we now walk and their voice can never be silenced." - Kent Newborn

Even though the removal related events associated with Tuscumbia are overwhelmingly tragic and heart-breaking in nature, today's event is different. Inspired by the vision of a local medicine man, the festival and walk have come to be a time to come home and a time for people to come together.

Because Tuscumbia is part of the traditional Chickasaw homeland, Rose, Billie, Beth and I, along with some Chickasaw dance troupe members, were asked to lead the commemorative 2.6-mile walk. Rose set the pace. She was the leader among the leaders.

"The Walk of Life" and the annual Oka Kapassa-Return to Coldwater festival are held each September. They are events of great unity and healing and an opportunity to learn more about our history. Go if you get the chance.

Respectfully,
Katie



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Chickasaw Annual Meeting, Festival perfect time for celebrating our tribe

Chukma!
Greetings from the Tishomingo District! The first Saturday in October holds a special meaning to all Chickasaws – it’s a day we gather in our historic capital, Tishomingo, for our Annual Meeting and Chickasaw Festival.

Dating back to the days when Annual Meeting was conducted at Byng School, Chickasaw Annual Meeting serves a multitude of purposes: we are informed of our tribe’s progress at State of the Nation and we have an opportunity to celebrate our culture, traditions and heritage with each other and our friends and neighbors.

Annual Meeting and the Chickasaw Festival also serve as a reunion for Chickasaws from across the country. This year’s theme, “Coming Home” captured the essence of how many Chickasaws feel about Annual Meeting and Festival – it is a time to reunite and celebrate!

The week-long festivities offer glimpses into our historic places – such as the Chickasaw Capitol and Council House Museum and Chickasaw Bank in Tishomingo, and the Chickasaw White House in Emet – as well as celebrations of Chickasaw art and culture at the Southeastern Art Show and Market, Cultural Evening and the Arts and Culture Awards.

Area children also learn a great deal about our history, traditions and culture during school tours which are conducted throughout the week. The Festival provides many hands-on educational opportunities for these students including arts, crafts, stickball games and many other events.

The 2013-14 Chickasaw Princesses also begin their reign at the Chickasaw Princess Pageant during the Annual Meeting and Chickasaw Festival. Congratulations to these young ladies!

One of their first and many official duties is to assist at Annual Meeting and take part in the grand parade down Tishomingo’s Main Street immediately following State of the Nation and Annual Meeting. These young ladies serve as excellent ambassadors of the Chickasaw Nation throughout the year and we thank each of them, past and present, for their hard work and dedication.

We should take pride each day in the progress we have made together and embrace the opportunity to celebrate our Chickasaw Nation during Annual Meeting and Chickasaw Festival.

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative on the Chickasaw Legislature. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Tim Colbert
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Lots of great fruit, veggies and other food available through Nutrition Services

Chokma! Happy Fall! My previous column started highlighting some of the services available to our elders living within tribal boundaries, offered through Nutrition Services. Here are a few other services to keep you informed.



SHANA HAMMOND

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Winter Fruit & Vegetable Program

This service is tribally funded and serves all Chickasaw elders who are able to pick up a monthly basket of fresh or frozen produce at our Nutrition Centers located in Ada, Ardmore or Purcell. CHRs may also deliver some to outlying areas of the Chickasaw Nation.

Summer Food & Summer EBT for Children

These programs are funded through federal grants and are geared for low-income children (up to age 18) living in specific school districts of the Chickasaw Nation boundaries. The program is intended to fill the gap in the absence of school lunch during the summer break. Although school has already started, I think it is necessary for our citizens to be aware that it

exists. So many children only get one meal a day during the summer break.

Farm to School

This grant is intended to help several school districts within the tribal boundaries connect with local growers in order to supply fresh fruits and vegetables for the school lunch program.

Additional services provided to our citizens include access to registered dieticians and lactation consultants for new moms. They are available to offer personal counseling to any Chickasaw citizen by phone or in one of our clinics.

Thank you to all the many tribal employees who help make these services available to our citizens.

Lord, your discipline is good, for it leads to life and health. You restore my health and allow me to live! ~Isaiah 38:16

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Monthly Meeting of the Whole now at Artesian in Sulphur; come join us!

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. September was a very busy month for me and my family. I am still recovering from my hip surgery and my husband has health issues also, so I have spent more time with doctors than anyone should have to. Your thoughts and prayers are very much appreciated.

I attended the September Oklahoma City Community Council meeting and enjoyed it very much, as usual. They always make us Legislators feel welcome and we appreciate the input they give us. I also attended the unveiling of a new sculpture at Remington Park. It is by Kelly Haney and represents an Indian warrior on a horse at full speed. It is beautiful, of course, as are all of Kelly’s sculptures. Seeing an Indian warrior always makes me feel good and the sculpture is a very fitting tribute to Remington Park!

Please note that the monthly Committee of the Whole meeting has been moved from Davis to our new Artesian Hotel in Sulphur. The meeting is open to the public and is usually held on the Monday preceding the third Friday of each month, or on Tuesday if that Monday is a holiday. The Artesian is absolutely beautiful and top-rate. I hope everyone gets to see it sometime. It replaced the Chickasaw Motor Lodge in Sulphur and we have a welcome center, art gallery and a pretty little pocket park right across the street from the Hotel. The Artesian also includes mineral baths and a casino.

Sometimes the two public meetings of the Legislature are moved from their regular times. For example, the October, 2013, Regular Session has been moved to Friday, October 26 because of a conflict with the week-long National Congress of American Indians conference in Tulsa. All such events are published in a notice on the Legislative web site at www.chickasaw.net. So please refer to that site from time to time.

I would love to hear from you. My email address is mary.green@chickasaw.net and my address and telephone number are listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. Until next time, I wish God’s blessings on all of our people. Thank you.



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‘Rachel’s Challenge’ brings story of tragedy, grief, triumph to high school students seeking answers to bullying, school shootings

COMANCHE, Okla. - Rachel Joy Scott was a bright, 17-year-old Columbine High School student in 1999. She the first of 12 students and one teacher slain at the Colorado high school on April 20, 1999. She was eating lunch outside the cafeteria when two seniors - Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold - opened fire in what was one of the worst public school massacres in U.S. history.

Students at Comanche (OK) High School were small children when that tragedy took place. After attending Rachel's Challenge on Aug. 29, they will not forget Rachel Joy Scott or how she has changed the hearts of thousands in America. The Rachel's Challenge organization reaches out to students and teachers to eradicate bullying and other negative influences.

Every day, thousands of students across the country are afraid to go to school because they are teased, bullied and harassed. Rachel's Challenge was started by Rachel Scott's parents, Darrell and Sandy Scott, realized writings and drawings Rachel left behind impacted not only her friends and fellow students, but also students around the world. The Scotts knew their daughter's story had to be told to inspire others to make the world a better place.

So, they turned a tragic story into a mission for change.

Rachel's father joined students at Comanche High School to share his daughter's story.

“A small act of kindness literally can have huge implications down the road,” Mr. Scott said. “Sometimes the small things do change the world.”

Since its inception, Rachel's Challenge and her message have touched the lives of more than 20 million people. The organization continues the legacy of making a difference in communities across America. Rachel's idea of starting a chain reaction of kindness has become a reality.

“Rachel's Challenge is an example of turning tragedy into triumph. Rachel believed she was going to have an impact on the world, and she definitely has,” Deanna Carpitche, behavioral health clinician for the Behavioral Health Department at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center said. “She believed if we had kindness and compassion for each other, we could start a chain reaction of kindness that continues on. Kids, adults, teachers, businesses and community members, all can be a part of the chain. If we care for each other and show kindness to one another, we won't have time for the negative stuff to sneak in.”

By the end of the assembly, students expressed hope their life mattered and had a purpose. They were reminded to appreciate the importance of being kind to others for the positive impact it has on both the recipient and themselves.

Words do have the power to hurt and the power to heal and students are urged to use their words in a positive way. Students are empowered with the knowledge they can, and will, make a difference, Rachel's Challenge organizers said.

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Health Insurance Marketplace to offer coverage choices

The Affordable Care Act and Native Americans

On Oct. 1, millions of Americans began enrolling for health insurance coverage under the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) – more commonly referred to as “Obamacare.”

It is estimated 50 million Americans currently lack health insurance coverage. The law requires American citizens to purchase insurance by January 2014 or face fines and penalties.

For Americans unable to afford insurance, federal subsidies and tax credits are available to assist them.

Purchasing health insurance coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace may reduce costs on monthly premiums. The marketplace exchange can be beneficial to Native Americans. It can provide a safety net for services that the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, as well as other Indian health services, may be unable to provide, including certain surgeries and medications.

Medisaw is the Chickasaw Nation’s referral support program. While not an insurance program, Medisaw can help citizens defray medical expenses should they be referred to a medical provider outside the confines of Indian Health Service.

Brenda Teel, director of the Chickasaw Nation Business Office, said tribal citizens are encouraged to research enrollment in ACA even though they are exempt in some cases.

“Although Native Americans are exempt technically they are still only eligible for services at Indian health care facilities,” Ms. Teel said.

“We strongly encourage Native Americans to check out the marketplace for affordable health care options so they can have the security of being covered should they need it when they cannot access one of our facilities.

“Only if one of our patients is referred to an outside provider would services potentially be covered through Medisaw. Nothing

is changing with the Medisaw referral process.”

American Indians are exempt from the requirement to purchase insurance if they can show evidence of: a) enrollment in a federally-recognized tribe, or b) eligibility to receive services from a tribal health care provider or facility or a facility of the Indian Health Service.

In order to be exempt, citizens of federally-recognized tribes must secure a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) and/or a document showing you are a citizen of a federally-recognized tribe. In order to be a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, you must possess a CDIB.

Native Americans without a federally-recognized tribal citizenship and who only possess a CDIB card will have to request a hardship waiver as “proof” of Native American ancestry in order to be considered exempt.

What Can Native Americans Expect?

Trevlyn Cross, a consultant and policy expert for Dr. Judy Goforth Parker at the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health, said the program will give 500,000 uninsured Native Americans an opportunity to purchase affordable health insurance coverage. The law, Ms. Cross said, will address inequities and increase access to quality, affordable health coverage, invest in prevention and wellness, and give families more control over their own health care.

“It is important to note if you have Medicare, Medicaid, insurance through your employer, or the Veterans Administration, you don’t have to do anything and the Affordable Care Act will not change your health care,” she said.

According to Ms. Cross, the most significant, but under-publicized, aspect of the ACA is its permanent reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA) and authorization of new programs to ensure tribal programs and the Indian Health Service (IHS) are better

equipped to meet the health needs of Native Americans..

“This is very important to the Chickasaw Nation,” she said.

IHS and tribal programs are now starting to receive reimbursement payments from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for direct care services provided to eligible veterans under the IHS VA reimbursement agreements. In addition, Medicare Part D medicine coverage gaps – coined “the donut hole” – will be eliminated by 2020.

The Marketplace

Ms. Cross said uninsured Native Americans may purchase coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace, a web-based tool used to enroll in private health insurance plans which have been approved by the federal government.

Many people will qualify for financial assistance either through tax credits to purchase coverage in the marketplace or cost-sharing reductions that will reduce or eliminate out-of-pocket expenses in the form of co-payments and deductibles.

The marketplace, Ms. Cross said, allows consumers to compare health insurance options based on price, benefits, quality and other factors including cost-sharing amounts to help consumers choose the insurance that best fits their needs.

Native Americans and Alaska Natives whose yearly earnings fall within the guidelines of federal poverty level (FPL) (or \$23,550 for a family of four in 2013; \$29,440 in Alaska) and up to 400 percent of FPL (or \$94,200 for a family of four in 2013; \$117,760 in Alaska) may be eligible for assistance in the form of advance premium tax credits that lower monthly premiums right away. Others may be eligible for free or low cost coverage from the Health Insurance Marketplace by enrolling in SoonerCare in Oklahoma.

Native Americans do not have co-pays or other cost-sharing if their income is un-

der 300 percent of FPL, which is roughly \$70,650 for a family of four in 2013.

In addition, certain Native Americans will have access to special monthly enrollment periods so they may get insurance outside the yearly open enrollment deadlines.

“In most cases, marketplace consumers will pay significantly less because of their tax credits which are calculated on an individual basis,” Ms. Cross said. “If you have questions about the Affordable Care Act you can call 1-800-318-2596 toll free. With greater numbers of our patients having some form of coverage, we will have more third party revenue and will be better able to provide needed health services.”

Ms. Teel recommended potential enrollees with limited Internet access phone the Patient Benefit Assistant’s number at (580) 421-4592.

All Native Americans who are eligible to receive services from an Indian health care provider may receive an exemption from the shared responsibility payment, or tax penalty, if they do not maintain health insurance which they either purchase or get from their employer.

To find out more about Oklahoma’s Marketplace and the Affordable Care Act, go to www.Healthcare.gov.

Consumers can expect to see large insurance companies such as Aetna, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma, and Coventry participating in Oklahoma. The rates offered vary based on age, geographic location, tobacco use, and plan type.

The lowest rate is \$61 per month for a catastrophic plan with high deductibles and co-pays, but plan premiums fall between \$150-\$700 per month before tax credits are applied, Ms. Cross said.

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Referral system adds up to \$5,000 annual coverage

Medical Assistance Program extends benefit to Chickasaws

The Medical Assistance Program (MAP) is a Chickasaw Nation program for Chickasaw citizens only.

The Chickasaw Nation Department of Health (CNDH) extends this benefit to Chickasaw citizens who have active charts, at time of services, within one of the Chickasaw Nation Health facilities.

A chart is considered active if the patient has received services from CNDH within three years prior to the date of the claim.

MAP is referral-based. That means the referral must be written by a CNDH provider for services not available at CNDH.

A referral must be denied by the patient’s Contract Health Service Unit prior to being considered for MAP.

Each citizen has two annual benefits, each worth \$2,500. The two benefits must

be used for two separate events, with a maximum of \$5,000 expended per fiscal year (Oct. 1 to Sept. 30). Both benefits may be used for dental or medical expenses.

For dental assistance:

The citizen must be evaluated at the one of the Chickasaw Nation Dental Clinics.

He must receive a referral from a dentist at the time of visit.

This referral form must be submitted with the MAP application.

This referral must be for dental services that cannot be provided at Chickasaw Nation Dental Clinics.

The dentist must give the patient a treatment plan to submit with the referral and application.

For orthodontics assistance:

If a patient is under 18 years of age, one

lifetime benefit of \$2,500 can be used for orthodontics. The other benefit can be used for medical or dental expenses.

If a patient is under 18 and meets the Sooner Care income guidelines, he is allowed to use both benefits totaling \$5,000, for one lifetime use for orthodontics.

The MAP application must be completed with the required documentation. In order to process the application in a timely manner, any itemized statements or invoices must be included. Any information explaining the medical necessity will also be required.

Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant. Upon receiving the application, applicants will be provided with the program guidelines and exclusions.

Exclusions include:

An intentional or self-inflicted injury.

An injury sustained in war, or act of war, whether declared or not.

An injury while the covered person is taking part in a speed contest.

Drug or alcohol related.

An injury while the covered person participated in acts of aggression.

Suicide, attempted suicide or intentional self-inflicted injury.

Failure to comply with the recommended medical treatment plans associated with a submitted medical claim.

Injury as a result of negligent acts as a driver or passenger in a motor vehicle.

Injury resulting from an accident covered by Workmen’s Comp, auto or home/business liability insurance.

Cosmetic procedures.

Any services available or reasonably accessible at an IHS/CNDH facility.

Services beyond the scope of the program or not deemed medically necessary by program.

Psychiatric or mental health issues.

Application, claims and necessary documents must be submitted within 180 days of services rendered. All applicants must first exhaust all alternate resources. The Chickasaw Nation reserves the right to negotiate reductions in billed medical claims at or below Medicare allowable rates. Applications are available in the Tribal Health office.

The direct line to MAP is (580)272-2704. Contact MAP if you have questions about applying for assistance. MAP specialists will answer any questions you have.

MAP is located on third floor of Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, in the Tribal Health Office.

Applications, with supporting documents, can also be mailed to:

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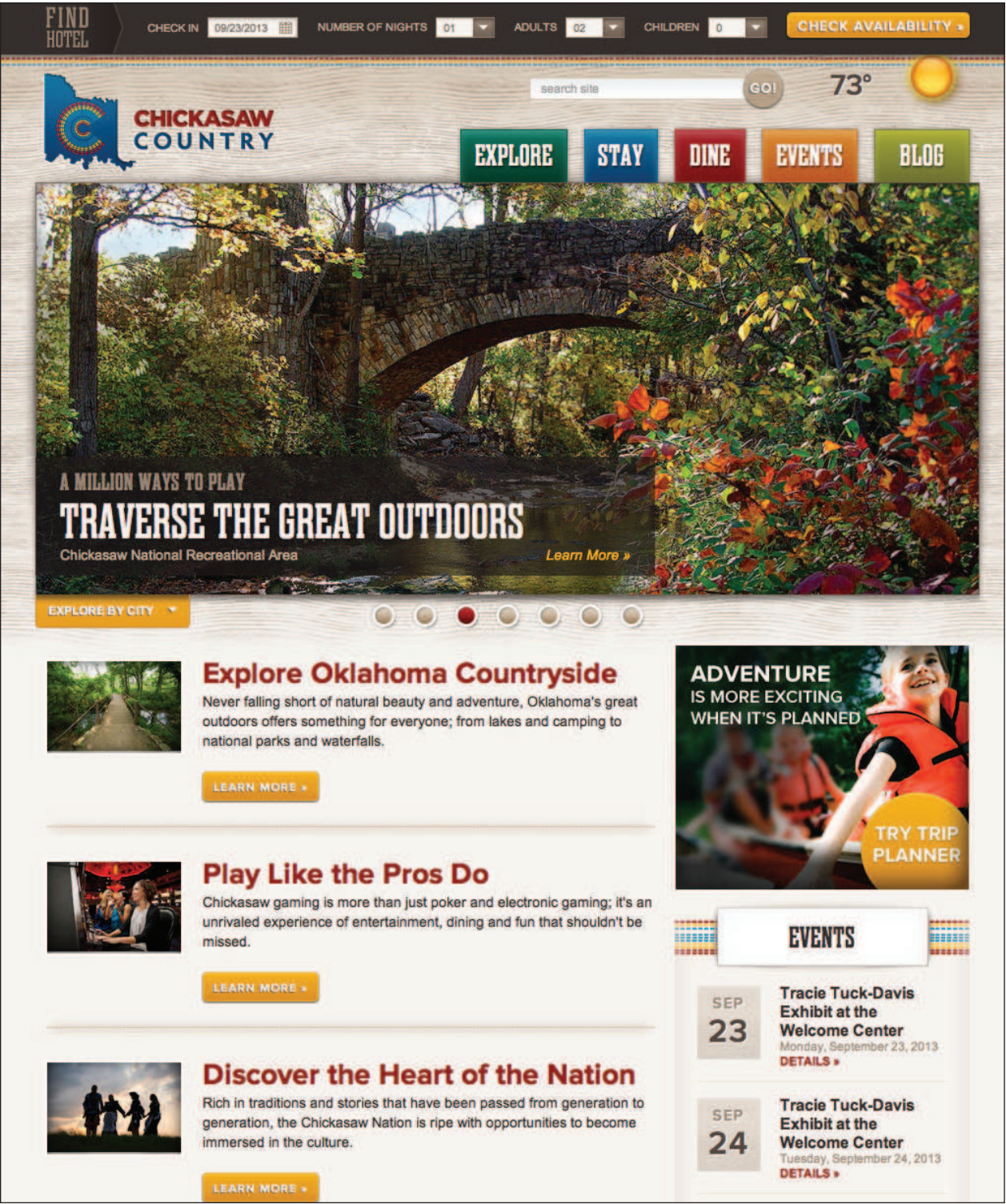
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Best travel website, best social media platform

Tribe honored for exceptional websites, social media outreach



The Chickasaw Nation has recently been honored for its success in web-based marketing programs. The tribe was honored recently with two top awards for marketing efforts during the U.S. Travel Association's annual Educational Seminar for Tourism Organizations (ESTO) conference in Richmond, Virginia. The Chickasaw Nation earned a 2013 Destiny award in both the Best Travel Website and Best Use of Social Media Platform categories during the ESTO conference. The tribe was also honored with a Best Travel Website award for its "Chickasaw Country" website and Best Use of Social Media Platform. A travel writer's ad-

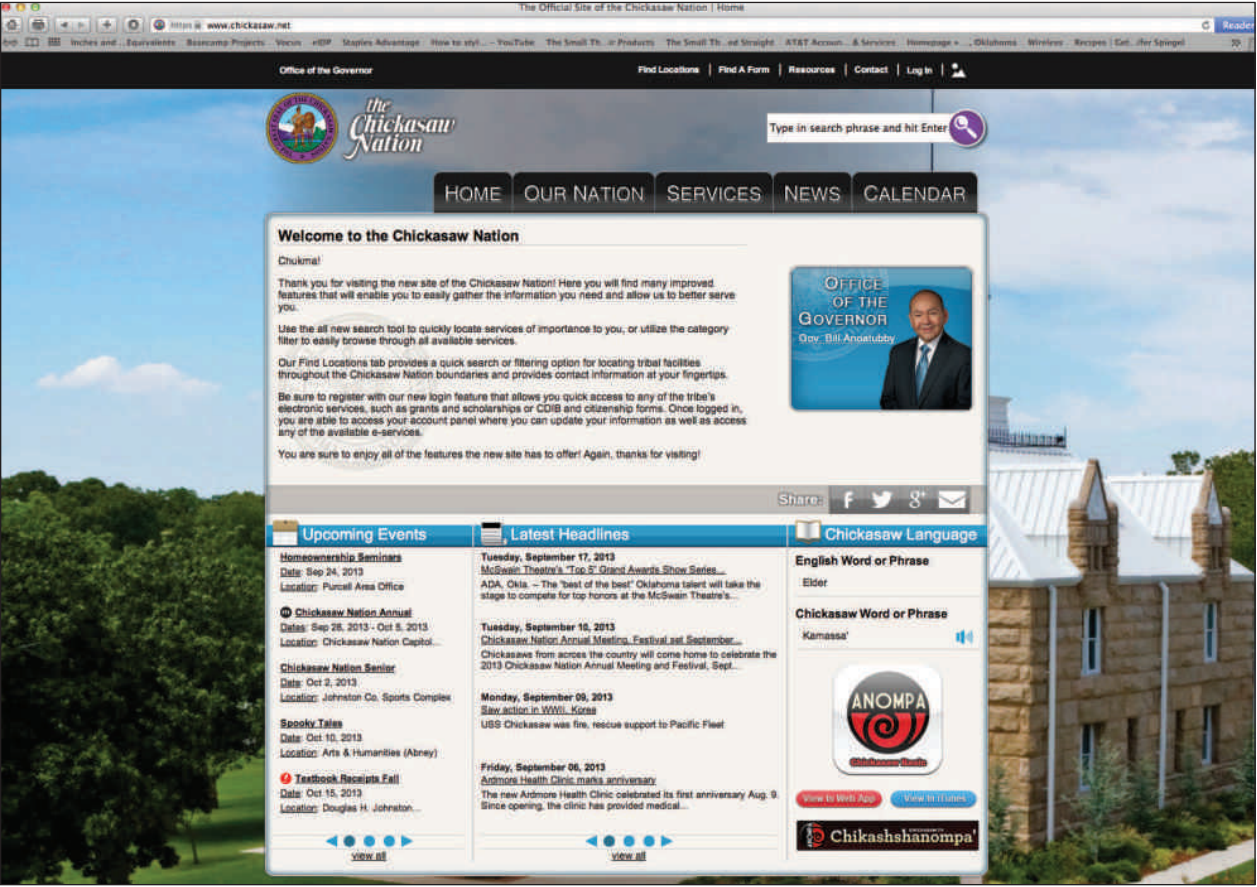
ventures throughout Chickasaw Country are chronicled on ChickasawCountry.com, capturing the "social" aspect of social media. In addition, the Web Marketing Association's 2013 WebAward for Outstanding Achievement in Web Development went to the Chickasaw Nation, as did Travel Weekly's Silver Magellan Award for its website "Chickasaw Country," officials announced Sept. 17. Governor Bill Anoatubby said he was pleased to see the tourism efforts of the tribe recognized on a national level. "Our congratulations go out to all those who worked on these projects," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Earning these awards is a tribute to the outstanding teamwork,

dedication and innovation of Chickasaw Nation staff and our partners. Everyone involved in these projects deserves special recognition for the creativity, skill and hard work involved in developing this far-reaching platform. We appreciate their work and their commitment to excellence." Launched in 2011, <http://chickasawcountry.com/> promotes area attractions and "a million ways to play." The site provides stunning photography combined with "plan-your-trip" information with lodging, restaurants, attractions, recreation and events to provide numerous ways to explore Chickasaw Country - the 13 counties that comprise the Chickasaw Na-

tion. Venues outside the boundaries supported by the Chickasaw Nation, such as Remington Park in Oklahoma City, are also featured. ChickasawCountry.com provides families, business groups and weekend-vacationers one site to discover unique destinations which offer adventure, culture, and an array of lodging options suitable for any budget. The site, which features social media integration, builds awareness of Chickasaw Country's recreational and cultural offerings and helps increase travel and hotel bookings within the region. ChickasawCountry.com is available in both a desktop and mobile site, which gives visitors better access. In addition, the travel writer's blog on the website "Canvassing Chickasaw County" focuses on five categories - do, see, shop, eat and stay. Readers travel with the writer through her jaunts in Chickasaw Country. Chickasaw Country Facebook, Twitter @ChickasawCountry, Instagram, You Tube and other social media outlets allow fans to engage in all types of fun journeys in Chickasaw Country through photos, video and information sharing. Destiny awards are given to destination marketing organizations at the local and regional levels to recognize excellence and creative accomplishment in tourism marketing and promotion, and to inspire the continued development of exciting destination marketing and promotion programs. More than 160 entries were submitted for various categories and a total of 17 awards were given in 17 categories. The Destinations Council Destiny Award program recognizes U.S. Travel destination members for excellence and creative accomplishment in destination marketing and promotion at the local and regional level. This year the awards were judged by JWT, an internationally-recognized marketing and communications firm. Judges offered a unique perspective because the agency was chosen to help develop Brand USA's national travel promotion strategy. Other award winners included "Visit Salt Lake" for Single, Targeted Marketing Promotion; the

Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau for Full Marketing Campaign; and the Myrtle Beach Area Convention and Visitors Bureau for Special Promotion. **About ESTO** ESTO is the premier national forum bringing together travel destination professionals from the local, state, and regional levels to share expertise, participate in educational activities, and leave with tools, tips and information to help better market and grow their destinations. vFounded by the Web Marketing Association in 1997, the WebAwards is the standards-defining competition that sets industry benchmarks for the best web sites based on the seven criteria of a successful website. The goal of the WebAwards is to provide a forum to recognize the people and organizations responsible for developing some of the most effective websites on the Internet today. Beyond validation, entrants benefit from a website assessment by a professional judging panel, which provides specific feedback on how each site ranks against standards of excellence. For more information, visit www.webaward.org. **Travel Weekly** Leveraging expert knowledge of the travel industry, Travel Weekly presents the Travel Weekly Magellan Awards. From design to marketing to services, The Travel Weekly Magellan Awards honors the best in travel and salutes the outstanding travel professionals behind it all. Winners are featured in an issue of Travel Weekly in October including a section dedicated to this year's winners. Winners also receive a custom produced statuette made by the same company that produces the Oscar® and Emmy® awards. Honoring a broad range of industry segments including hotels and resorts, travel destinations, cruise lines, online travel services, airlines and airports, travel agents and agencies, tour operators and car rental companies, it is considered the "award to win" for those in the business of travel. The Travel Weekly Magellan Award is an opportunity to recognize the best in the travel and tourism industries. **CONTRIBUTED BY** Dana Lance, Media Relations.

Revamped www.chickasaw.com Chickasaw Nation website offers robust access, simplified navigation



The Chickasaw Nation has announced the release of the new and improved www.Chickasaw.net. Designed with a fresh, new look and user-friendly navigation, the new site is filled with the latest information regarding programs and services, events, facilities and more. The many improved features will allow users to easily find and gather information while allowing the tribe to better serve its citizens. From easily locating

forms to the new search engine, access to the tribe has never been simpler. Be sure to register with the new login feature that allows you quick access to any of the tribe's electronic services, such as grants and scholarships or CDIB and citizenship forms. Once logged in, you are able to access your account panel where you can update your information as well as access any of the available e-services.

New and improved features include:

- Log-in option
- Find Locations tab
- Find a Form tab
- Resources tab
- Search engine
- Site navigation
- Social media sharing
- More!

We hope you enjoy browsing the new site. You are sure to enjoy all of the features it has to offer! **CONTRIBUTED BY** Kyle Wittman, Public Affairs

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Home-schoolers drawn to Cultural Center by learning opportunities



Studying Chickasaw culture

Deborah Standfield and her husband, Norm, show grandsons Justin, far left, and Jason Ullery, an interactive Chickasaw Language display at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur. The center recently invited children who are home-schooled to visit the facility. More than 100 turned out for the unique educational experience.

SULPHUR, Okla. – The Chickasaw Cultural Center recently welcomed 122 students who are educated at home. The families that attended could not have selected a better location.

Named one of the state's top 10 educational destinations by readers of an Oklahoma City-based magazine, the center celebrates all types of students – traditional and non-traditional.

For the Standfield family of Ada, Okla., it was the perfect stopover. Deborah Standfield has been teaching Christian school and home-schooled children for years and continues the tradition with her two grandsons, Jason and Justin Ullery.

Both boys have faced physical challenges and while that contributed to the decision to home-school, it wasn't the primary reason.

"There are few Christian-based educational opportunities in Ada," Mrs. Standfield said. "All of our children were educated in a Christian School setting and received a quality education. We wanted that for our grandchildren, too."

The boys' mother, Tina, is office manager at Ada First Baptist Church.

While the Standfields do not possess Chickasaw heritage, their grandsons are 1/16th Cherokee on their father's side of the family. Teaching the boys about their Native American heritage is fundamentally important to the family.

Taking a field trip to the Chickasaw Cultural Center, Mrs. Standfield said, was a wonderful experience.

"I love field trips because (the boys) learn while having fun," she said. "They almost learn without realizing they are learning because it is so interesting and full of interactive displays and exhibits."

The Chickasaw Cultural Center is unique in countless ways. One of the most attractive is it allows guests to touch displayed items. Whether it is deer or mountain lion hide or even a canoe, the center is almost completely hands-on. A few items are off limits by virtue of their age or historical importance, but most exhibits are there for people to touch, feel, examine and experience.

The boys have completed K4 through fifth grade and are currently in the sixth grade.

While not required to do so by Oklahoma law, Mrs. Standfield follows a very structured teaching and curriculum schedule. She purchases home schooling material and lesson plans from a Christian School organization based in Lewisville, Texas.

In addition to the materials, she utilizes the American Academy National Home School for guidelines on Oklahoma State Educational credit requirements and achievement testing. American Academy is based in Oklahoma City and was founded by a former Oklahoma public school administrator.

"I like the structure of the lesson plan because I know the boys will not fall behind; that their education is as good, or perhaps better, than what they would receive in a public school setting," Mrs. Standfield said.

Included in the plan are tests to make sure they are learning and retaining what they are taught.

Favorite subjects include Oklahoma history, science, and reading. On the least favored side of the ledger? Mathematics.

"Some of those math problems can be extremely difficult," she said.

When that is the case, she calls on her husband, Norm Standfield, Chickasaw Nation Chikasha House manager. The Chikasha House is located on the Ada campus of the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. It provides a home-like setting for families of patients who may face extended stays or have ventured to the center from great distances. The facility was dedicated several weeks ago.

"He previously taught math in a private Christian school so I call on him for those types of things," Mrs. Standfield said.

For the next six years, the boys will continue to be educated by their maternal grandmother. The education they receive will take them through the equivalent of a senior in public school and provide a well-balanced foundation for college.

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Thunder Girl

Chickasaw citizen and dancer Katie Callaway, of Oklahoma City, during her audition for the Oklahoma City Thunder Girls. The Thunders Girls are the dance and cheer squad that supports the NBA's Oklahoma City Thunder. Ms. Callaway was selected for the 20-woman team and will make her first Thunder Girl appearance Nov. 3 when the Thunder host the Phoenix Suns. Ms. Callaway also works for Chesapeake Energy as a drilling engineer technician.

Chickasaw woman tabbed for OKC Thunder Girls dance team

OKLAHOMA CITY – A young Chickasaw woman will combine enthusiasm, great dance moves and a bright demeanor to Chesapeake Arena soon to entertain audiences and cheer on the National Basketball Association's Oklahoma City Thunder basketball team.

Katie Callaway, a 2005 graduate of Ada (OK) High School, got there the old fashioned way - she earned it.

And she's a Chickasaw for sure – unconquerable.

Two years ago, Ms. Callaway decided to put her years of dance training and cheerleading abilities to the ultimate test. She tried out for the Oklahoma City Thunder Girls, a dance team that entertains fans at home games for the newest NBA team.

She wasn't chosen.

Despite the fact she was formally trained in dance from third grade through her sophomore year at AHS, her "technique" wasn't what the team was looking for, she was told by judges.

"I worked hard, very hard, to improve my technique," Ms. Callaway said reflecting on the failed effort. "I worked on leaps, turns, and pointed toes. It was a full-on effort for a year. It was tough."

In August 2013, the 26-year-old proved she was up to the challenge.

She was selected for the 20-member Thunder Girls squad during auditions at the tribe's Riverwind Casino in Norman. Among the judges were Thunder staff, the patriarch of Oklahoma weathermen Gary England and Miss Oklahoma Kelsey Griswold.

Her debut courtside will be November 3 when the Thunder host the Phoenix Suns.

"I am so excited," Ms. Callaway said. "I can't wait to get on those sidelines and entertain the best fans of any city with an NBA team. I know Oklahoma fans are the best fans because I have been in those seats for the past six years."

Cheering for the Thunder as a typical sports lover sparked her desire to be a member of the Thunder Girls.

"I wondered what it would be like to be down there. I wondered how exciting it was for the team and how much they looked forward to it," she said.

Now that she is one of them, another trait typical of Chickasaw people has reawakened in her.

"Entertaining fans will be great, but giving back to the community is even more important," Ms. Callaway said. The Thunder organization is tops in visiting hospitals, assisting those who can use a helping hand, and being involved in all aspects of the community. Being a part of the organization will give me that opportunity to give back, which is something I'm looking forward to very much."

She comes by her Chickasaw heritage naturally.

Her great-grandmother, the

late Delta Wells, was an original enrollee with the tribe. Her grandfather, the late Jack Wells, served for years as a Chickasaw Tribal Legislator and made sure his granddaughter was immersed in the culture, history and traditions that make her Chickasaw.

"We'd go to festivals and I was a member of the Governor's Honor Club," Ms. Callaway said. "I learned my heritage is important and tradition is important. It is essential to know one's self. I am very proud of my Chickasaw heritage."

Ms. Callaway wasn't born in Ada, but she got here as quickly as she could. Indeed, she was born in England where her father was stationed across the pond in the U.S. Air Force. Her mother, Gayla Callaway, is a Chickasaw who works for the Chickasaw Nation.

Ms. Callaway's cheer and dance team moves come pretty naturally, too. She was a cheerleader at Ada High School. She'll be putting those moves to good use this fall and winter when the Thunder begins the quest to be the best team in the NBA.

It's a part-time gig for Ms. Callaway. Her day job is with Chesapeake Energy where she works as a drilling engineer technician. She earned her bachelor's degree in public relations from the University of Central Oklahoma.

She's moved up quickly in her professional life. She started work at Chesapeake as a receptionist and was promoted quickly to her present job, which involves all analytics of drilling for natural resources.

"If you have a passion and you're willing to learn and try new challenges, doors will open for you," Ms. Callaway said.

It may have been a four-month stint in New York that opened a door for Ms. Callaway. She discovered she wasn't afraid of new challenges and unfamiliar surroundings.

As an intern for a public relations company in the Big Apple, Ms. Callaway drank in the city, its people, its unique place in America and its posh social settings while on the job.

Meeting editors of fashion magazines such as *Vogue* and others, in addition to "not being afraid to get out and explore" helped Ms. Callaway become more self-aware.

"It (the New York internship) was a very interesting experience, she said.

"I was given the opportunity to attend Fashion Week and meet important people. I realized I had more patience than most and I wasn't scared to walk down the street, to say 'hello' or make eye contact. I believe my Oklahoma upbringing, my beliefs and Christian relationships made me pretty fearless."

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Nicole Schultz-Walls

‘40 Under 40’ names Schultz-Walls to class

A young Chickasaw professional is among 40 young Native American leaders from across nation honored by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development.

Nicole Schultz-Walls, of Ada, Okla., was recently named a member of the 2013 NCAIED “Native American 40 Under 40” class. She will be honored at the 38th Annual Indian Progress in Business Awards Gala in Chandler, Arizona later this month.

The NCAIED “Native American 40 Under 40” Awards recognizes 40 emerging American Indian leaders under 40 years old who have demonstrated leadership, initiative, and dedication to achieve significant contributions in their businesses, communities and Indian Country.

“I am honored to be recognized with this award,” Mrs. Schultz-Walls said. “I am proud to be part of such a distinguished list of young leaders in Indian Country. I appreciate the support and recognition of the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development.”

Mrs. Schultz Walls was also recently named American Indian Woman of the Year by the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women. This award is given to an outstanding American Indian woman who has devoted exceptional time and effort to the Native American community.

A native of Ada, Mrs. Schultz-Walls earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism from the University of Oklahoma. She currently works for Chickasaw Nation Communications and Community Development, in the Public Affairs office. She is a 2013 graduate of Ada Area Chamber of Commerce's Leadership YOUNiversity program and currently serves on the Native American Journalist Association's national election committee.

She is president of the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women.

To view the 2013 NCAIED “Native American 40 Under 40” class awardees, please visit: <http://www.ncaied.org>.

Chickasaw cowboy named ‘Living Legend’ at Velma Old Settlers Picnic



Showing the Velma Old Settlers Picnic Living Legend trophy are, from left, Rocky Allred, Darlene Foster, Charles Foster and his daughter, Sandy Kaye.

VELMA, Okla. – A Chickasaw man who has dedicated his life to improving the lives of those he touches was recently named a Living Legend at the Velma Old Settlers Picnic.

Charles Allen Foster is 1/8th Chickasaw. He wears a big cowboy hat and has big belt buckles, but that’s not what makes him a cowboy. Mr. Foster “walks the walk and talks the talk” and he’s earned Velma’s affection through hard work and even harder work.

Born in 1950, he first brushed rodeo arena dust from his britches at the tender age of 14. That was 48 years ago and he has never missed competing at the Old Settlers Picnic.

Mr. Foster is a familiar face to ranchers, farmers, horse trainers, calf ropers and any Velma area resident who enjoys horses and calf roping. He also likes his blue tick hounds, particularly when they tree raccoons or bay feral hogs.

The eldest son of Oscar and Cubah Pickens Foster, the grit of ranch work and calf roping appealed to the youngster early. He has shared roping, ranching and horse breaking expertise to many of the area’s top ranches. In his spare time, he honed his calf roping skills. He’s gone against the best in the business and has earned some jingle doing it.

In 1975, he was the champion tie-down calf roper at the Old Settlers Picnic. During that competition, Mr. Foster was neck-and-neck with Dee Burk, a World War II veteran and a professional

calf roper. Mr. Foster pulled out the championship but not before longtime Settlers Picnic rodeo announcer Gus Gardner quipped “this man doesn’t have any trouble flanking them big ol’ calves mostly because he already flanked them all Thursday morning before the rodeo even started.”

After graduating from Velma-Alma High School in 1968, Mr. Foster was hired by Lloyd Ely, owner of the Sugar Loaf Ranch. They worked together to rebuild the south end of the rodeo grounds at Velma. He served on the picnic committee for many years and still helps anytime he can.

He married Sandra Darlene Smith in 1971. For 43 years, the couple has made a home in Velma.

Mr. Foster’s daughter, Sandy, said her father spent 20 years working for the 3 Stripe Ranch near Velma, primarily to precondition steers and heifers to be turned out on wheat pastures. The last seven years, he has worked with Turner and JoAnn Biffle on their ranch near Velma, about a mile from the Foster residence.

“I think they spend some days hunting hogs more than working,” Sandy said with a hearty laugh. “He’s a true cowboy. It’s all he ever wanted to do and the good Lord blessed him with a lifetime of doing what he loves. He has always said: ‘You can do anything you set your mind to and it doesn’t matter what age



This 1966 photos shows Charles Foster flanking a roped calf during competition at the Velma Old Settlers Picnic. Mr. Foster was named a Living Legend and award a trophy at this year’s event.

you start.”

Sandy is an only child, but her memories tell her otherwise.

“There were always other kids around. My parents have always had a genuine love for children

and have impacted the lives of many. Their house has always been open to whoever needed a place to stay or a meal to eat,” Sandy said.

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Sculpture dedicated at Remington Park



Gov. Bill Anoatubby is joined by Turf Team co-owner Regina Davidson Pritchett following the dedication of the Chickasaw warrior and pony sculpture at Remington Park in Oklahoma City. Ms. Pritchett is a Chickasaw citizen whose company is part of the tribe’s preferred vendor program. The company prepared the area to accommodate the new sculpture.

Businesses steaming ahead as fiscal year nears end

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe’s general fund and BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Division of Commerce. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of tribal government, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Business revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes and other sales revenues from convenience stores, travel plazas, tobacco stores, other tribal businesses as well as rental and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, the Chickasaw Times and Governor’s and Lt. Governor’s offices. Expenditures for education include education scholarships as well as the tribe’s division of education. Health expenditures include eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription

drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses’ expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending August 31, 2013

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$15.5 million for the month and \$149.2 million year-to-date. Expenditures were \$13.6 million for the month and \$110.2 million year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes through August totaled \$1080.4 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$272.7 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was \$136.1 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At August 31, 2013, the tribal government funds had \$224.3 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$19.5

million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$145.5 million in cash and investments which is reserved

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Eleven Months Ended August 31, 2013

Revenues
Transfers from businesses to tribal government
Total funds available

Expenditures
General government
Legislature
Judiciary
Education
Heritage Preservation
Health
Youth and Family Services
Nutrition Programs
Regulatory
Assistance Programs
Gaming expense
Other businesses' expense
Total expenditures
Increase in net assets
Beginning net assets
Ending net assets

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets August 31, 2013

Cash and Investments
Receivables
Inventory
Prepaid expenses
Other Assets
Fixed assets
Less payables
Net Assets

for accounts payable and business operations.

As of August 31, 2013, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of \$1.64 billion.

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
\$	12,693,883	1,080,880,114	1,093,573,997
	136,586,233	(136,586,233)	-
	149,280,116	944,293,880	1,093,573,997
	12,467,236		12,467,236
	2,426,737		2,426,737
	1,119,528		1,119,528
	20,743,999		20,743,999
	14,665,237		14,665,237
	19,944,956		19,944,956
	13,434,482		13,434,482
	5,551,484		5,551,484
	7,954,545		7,954,545
	11,937,476		11,937,476
		590,851,113	590,851,113
		217,262,110	217,262,110
	110,245,680	808,113,223	918,358,903
	39,034,436	136,180,658	175,215,094
	658,377,723	810,471,469	1,468,849,192
\$	697,412,159	946,652,127	1,644,064,286

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
\$	224,360,853	145,586,120	369,946,973
	28,148,514	66,615,026	94,763,541
	57,365	8,411,501	8,468,866
		20,784,180	20,784,180
		1,202,500	1,202,500
	447,255,910	854,624,176	1,301,880,086
	(2,410,483)	(150,571,377)	(152,981,860)
\$	697,412,159	946,652,127	1,644,064,286

BIRTHS



Layne Bryan Knight

Brett and Lucy Knight are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Layne Bryan Knight. He was born on May 24 at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, Ada, Okla.

He weighed 6 lbs., 4oz. and measured 18 inches at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Gary and Sheri Grotts; uncles are Tommy, Robby, and Freddy Grotts; maternal great-grandmothers are Barbara Brackeen and Pat Grotts, and maternal great-great-grandmother is Lurlene Walker, all of Norman.

Layne's paternal grandparents are Mike and Sheri Knight, of Davis, Okla., and his paternal great-grandmother is Betty Cavnar, of Ardmore, Okla.



Savannah Skye

Savannah Skye was born Sept. 9, 2013, at Baylor Hospital, Dallas.

She weighed 8 lbs, 6 ounces, and measured 21 inches at birth.

Proud parents are Christa and Eusebio Avila Jr. Her two older brothers are Avery 19 and Ashton, 14.

Maternal great-grandmother is Christine M. Anderson, of Lone Grove, Okla. Maternal Grandmother is Vera S. Johnson, of Oklahoma City. Both are Chickasaw enrollees.

We are all proud of our beautiful baby girl.



Nakayah Christine Factor

Nakayah Christine Factor was born July 3, 2013. She weighed 7 lbs., 5 ounces and measured 18 inches at birth.

She is the daughter of Cheryl Lynn and John Factor. Her big brothers are Nathan, 6, and Derrick, 3.

She is named after her great-grandmother, Christine M. Anderson, of Lone Grove, Okla., a Chickasaw Enrollee.

She is a very special baby girl.



Williem Casey Levernoch

Williem Casey Levernoch was born August 5, 2013 at Southeast Georgia Health System in Camden County.

Williem weighed 8 lbs., 4.7 ounces and 21 inches at birth.

He is the son of Kasondra and Edwin Levernoch, of Saint Marys, Ga.

He is the Grandson of Rosetta and Don Lynn, of Davis, Okla.

He is the great-grandson of Wil-larene Amos, of Sulphur, Okla.



Ximena Anahi Walden

Ximena Anahi Walden was born at 9:13 p.m., August 27, 2013 at Centennial Medical Center in Frisco, Texas. She weighted 6 lbs. 15 oz.

She is daughter of Robert and Sulema Walden, of Waxahachie, Texas.

She is granddaughter of Stephen Ray and Tina Kay Walden, of Waxahachie, and Adam and Gloria Espericueta, of Dallas.

Ximena is the great-great-granddaughter of Rosie Mclish Williford, who was the granddaughter of Chief Edmund "Ok-chan-tubby" Pickens.



Jake Stinson

Chickasaw wrestler first at Jim Thorpe Games

A Chickasaw high school wrestler has this summer won his weight class at a national competition.

Jake Stinson, 17, of Norman, Okla., took first in the freestyle wrestling heavyweight division during June's Jim Thorpe Native American Games in Oklahoma City. Jake weighed in at 239 lbs. for the competition.

Jake is a senior at Norman High School, where he is a four-year letterman on the wrestling team and a two-year starter at left guard on the football team. During his junior year, Jake placed in the Oklahoma State Class 6A regional wrestling tournament.

Jake is the son of Wynn Stinson and Tina Stinson, of Norman. He is the grandnephew of Tim and Linda Stinson, of Mill Creek, Okla.

The Jim Thorpe Native American Games bring together Indian athletes from across the country. These athletes compete in a number of sports including stickball, basketball, wrestling, golf, track and field, cross country, martial arts volleyball, tennis and softball.



George Mobley

George Mobley attains Eagle Scout in Texas

A Chickasaw teen has recently been awarded the highest Boy Scouts of America rank.

George Mobley, 19, of Belton, Texas, received his Eagle Scout during an August ceremony. He earned his Eagle during the 100th anniversary of the Eagle Scout program.

Mr. Mobley is a graduate of Belton High School and is now a sophomore at Florida College in Temple Terrace, Fla. His interest is in computer science and technology.

His parents are Gordon and Shirley Mobley, of Belton.

Mr. Mobley is proud of his Chickasaw heritage and appreciates the help the Chickasaw Nation provides to students.



L. Ronald Coplin Smith

Chickasaw Marine set to ship back to States soon

A Chickasaw Marine is expected home this Christmas following a deployment to Japan.

Lance Corporal Ronald Coplin Smith, USMC, joined the Marine Corps shortly after graduating from Hirschi High School, Wichita Falls, Texas, in 2011. He completed basic training in San Diego, followed by infantry training. He complete his light armored vehicle school in July 2012.

LCpl. Smith was based in Twenty Nine Palms, Calif., until his deployment in June to Okinawa. He was transported to Okinawa aboard the USS Boehomme Richard with a Marine Expeditionary Unit.

He is the son of Ronald and Tonja Smith, of Wichita Falls. He is the great-grandson of Freda Waltz and Juanita Miller, the late Bill Waltz, the late Donald and Beverly Smith, and the late Coplin Miller, all of Wichita Falls.

He is the great-great-grandson of the lat Sim Miller, of Kingston, Okla. His brother is Paul Hollis III.

LCpl. Smith has always been proud of being a Chickasaw. His family is very proud of him and joyously voice together, Oorah, Devil Dog!

BIRTHDAY



Starla Wood

Starla Wood will celebrate her 14th birthday October 18.

She is the daughter of Jack and Miranda Wood.

She is the granddaughter of of Jay and Sharon Hackman.

She has two brothers Tristen and Kevin.

Havern family completes hike to Machu Picchu



From left, Justin Havern, Chris Havern, Blake Havern, Logan Havern, Amy Havern and Peru Treks guide David Aragon Villagra.

A Chickasaw family has recently completed a four-day hike to one of the New Seven Wonders of the World.

In July, the Havern family, of The Woodlands, Texas, made the hike along the Inca Trail to the famed lost Inca city of Machu Picchu, in Peru. Machu Picchu was completed about 1450 A.D. by the

Incas. It is famed for its unique construction and terracing along steep mountainsides.

The group included 16 hikers, 21 porters, two guides and a cook.

The Haverns are descended from Chickasaw Nation Governor Cyrus Harris.

NDN Soul Productions releasing new download

A Chickasaw-owned music production and distribution company has this month released its newest album.

"Tryin' to Live It Up," a single on the new album, has been released by NDN Soul Productions and can be downloaded at most music download applications. NDN president Brandon Roberts, whose music name is "J-Bird," plans to enter the song in the NAMMYs Best Rap and Hip Hop song category for 2014.

Mr. Roberts is joined on "Try-in" by Chickasaw rap artist Double-R.



Tyler Walker

Tyler Walker takes first at Choctaw Nation Festival

A Chickasaw boy did well at a horseshoe tournament over the Labor Day weekend.

Thirteen-year-old Tyler Walker took first place in the junior division in both singles and horseshoe ringer champion at the Choctaw Nation Festival in Tushka, Okla.

Tyler attends Byng (OK) Junior High School.

His proud Dad is Bailey Walker.

Happyland Shootout



The 2013 Happyland Shootout was hosted by Gary Walker of Ada. Winners include, from left, Bailey Walker, Ada; Bunky Impson, Gerty; Danny Walker, Ada; Michael Lindsey, Pickett; Sharlene Ross, Sherman, Texas; and Billy Clark, Ada. In the singles competition, the winners were Bailey Walker, Bunky Impson and Danny Walker. In the doubles competition, winners were Bunky Impson and Danny Walker, first place; Bailey Walker and Gary Clark, second place, and Michael Lindsey and Sharlene Ross, third place. The Ringer Championship was won by Bunky Impson.



Ryder Laplante

Six-year-old Chickasaw boy making a name for himself on junior sprint car racing circuit

A young Chickasaw boy is making a name for himself – as a race car driver!

Six-year-old Ryder Laplante, of Calera, Okla., is following his dream to be a big-time race car driver. Ryder races junior sprint cars at Oklahoma race tracks.

Ryder has been racing for almost one year and is now into his second car. He races his car at the I-44 Riverside Speedway in Oklahoma City every Saturday night.

Previously, Ryder raced in Tulsa at the Tulsa Shootout, where he competed with about 200 other drivers. Ryder was only five at the time but competed with drivers from six to 12 years old.

Last year, he was the points leader at the Harrah indoor track. He later raced at Newcastle, until that track was damaged by the May tornadoes. Then he moved on to race in Catoosa.

He has won races at the I-44 track, plus several second- and

third-place finishes.

Ryder relies on his racing buddy and track champion Nathan Rainy, of Choctaw, Okla., for plenty of racing pointers.

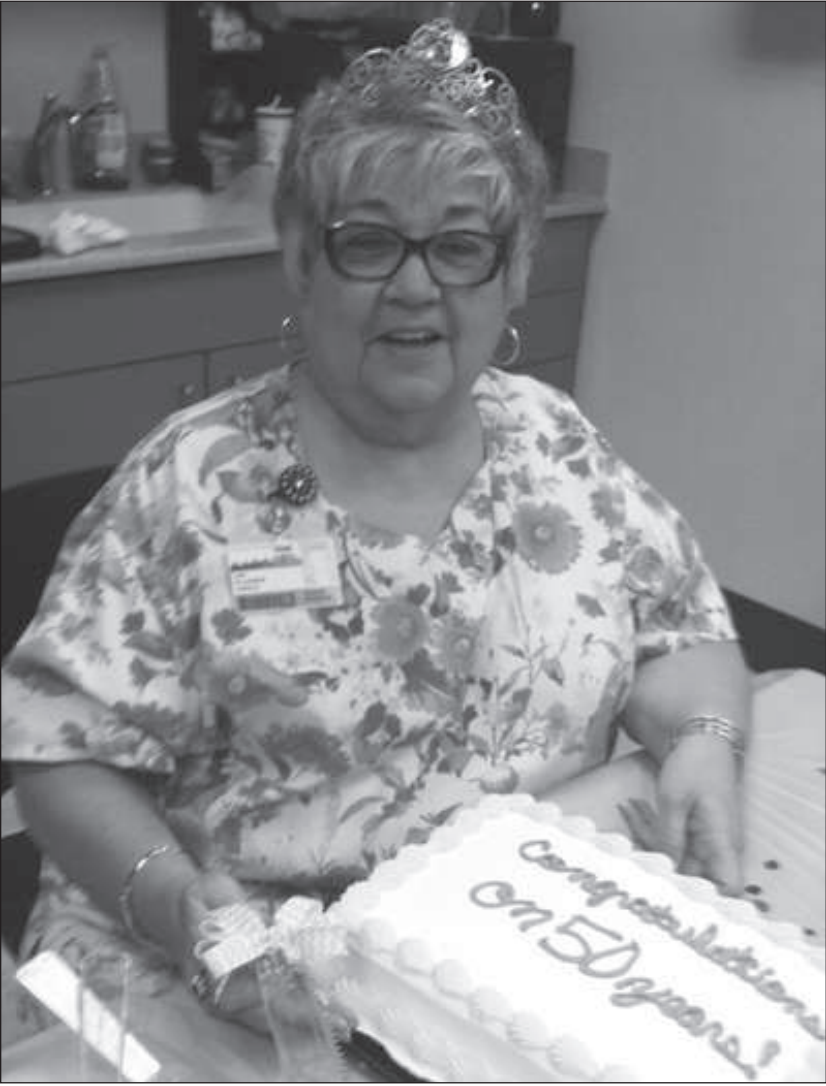
Ryder enjoys helping his Papa James with is race car, and he also loves fishing, boating and camping. Ryder is a member of High Hill Baptist Church and loves it.

Ryder is always looking for sponsors, and is eyeing the Tulsa Shootout in December. For more information, please contact James Miller at (580) 453-0343.

Ryder’s parents are Kevin and Amy Laplante, and his sisters are McKenzie, 10, and Emery, 22 months.

His papa and nana are James and Lauri Miller. His grandpa is Geoff Brooks and his grandma is Liz Laplante. He is the great-great-grandson of Bessie Anderson and Bina Owens, both original Chickasaw enrollees.

Honored for 50 years



Chickasaw LPN Joanna Hawkins was recently surprised with a party for serving as an LPN for 50 years. She has done so much for others that her co-workers wanted to show their appreciation. Happy 50th Anniversary of serving others!

Enjoying Texas Kickoff Classic



The Oklahoma and Texas Havern families attended the Texas Kickoff Classic between Oklahoma State University and Mississippi State University. The game was played at Reliant Stadium in Houston on Aug. 31. Oklahoma State defeated MSU handily. Joining in the Havern family tradition are, from left, Amanda, Justin, Chris, Derek, Blake, Tim, Kendall, Dominick and Amy.

Chickasaw man graduates with honors from Texas A&M University Mays School of Business



Carson York with his grandfather, Patrick Wyers.

Carson Gregory York is a 2013 graduate from the Mays Business School at Texas A&M University, College Station. He is the son of Greg and Suzanne York, of Argyle, Texas and the grandson of Patrick Z. Wyers, of Fort Worth, Texas.

Mr. York graduated cum laude with a double major in business honors and finance. Upon graduation he will be employed as a

systems integration analyst with Accenture in Austin, Texas.

Mr. York has received Chickasaw Nation grants and scholarships the past four years to attend college and would like to extend his deepest appreciation for the financial assistance and encouragement from the Chickasaw Nation.



Ahren Kerwood

Ahren Kerwood earns bachelor’s degree in international studies

Ahren Kerwood, son of Dr. Scott and Alissa (Speaks) Kerwood and the great-grandson of original Chickasaw enrollees, has earned a bachelor’s degree in international studies from the University of Oklahoma.

Mr. Kerwood also completed a minor in Japanese, political science and Asian studies. He was recognized as a member of the national honor fraternity Phi Beta Kappa and graduated summa cum laude. He was on the dean’s and Chickasaw honor rolls.

He earned the Japanese Student Service Organization (JASSO) scholarship studying in Japan for one year. He also studied one summer in Italy.

Mr. Kerwood was a founding member of Chickasaw Learning Community and OU Japanese Study Coordinator. He worked for Alvarez de Bennett Law Firm and has been accepted into the University of Oklahoma School of Law.

Mr. Kerwood’s Chickasaw heritage runs deep. His grandparents are W.T. and Joan (Chase) Speaks. His great-grandparents are Abel and Willie (Johnson) Chase, original Chickasaw enrollees on Dawes Commission rolls.

Mr. Kerwood thanked the Chickasaw Nation for financial assistance and aid he received in reaching his educational goals.



Cayla Ann Speaks

Cayla Ann Speaks earns bachelor’s degree in nursing from Texas Tech

Cayla Ann Speaks recently graduated from Texas Tech University Health Services in Lubbock, Texas. She earned a bachelor’s degree in nursing.

Ms. Speaks was involved in the Texas National Student Association and served as parliamentarian. She was also involved in statewide competition for improving and implementing the health care field to serve others. The group won the Community Health Award, Teen Straight Talk and succeeded in passing a bill to implement inter-professional teamwork.

Ms. Speaks is working at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in the CVICU ward. The hospital is in Beaumont, Texas.

She is the daughter of David and Carla Speaks. Her grandparents are W.T. and Joan (Chase) Speaks. Her great-grandparents are Abel and Willie (Johnson) Chase, both on the original Chickasaw Indian Dawes Roll.

She thanked the Chickasaw Nation and the Chickasaw Department of Education for the support and financial assistance to help her reach her goals in nursing and service to others.



Shelby Nicole Walker

Chickasaw woman earns vocational nursing degree at North Central Texas

Shelby Nicole Walker has earned a License of Vocational Nursing from North Central Texas College in Corinth, Texas. Ms. Walker graduated July 31.

Ms. Walker lives in Allen, Texas. She is the daughter of Sharon Battles of Little Elm, Texas and the late Forrest Anthony “Tony” Walker, formerly of Ardmore, Okla. She is the granddaughter of the late Cathryn Bass Hammer, formerly of Ardmore.

Ms. Walker was valedictorian of her LVN class with a 3.96 grade point average.

She has enrolled at Indiana State University for the fall to pursue her bachelor’s degree in Nursing. She is currently preparing to take her NCLEX exam to complete her licensure.



Dr. Kristen Dearing

Kristen Dearing earns doctorate of nursing practice from U of A

Dr. Kristen Dearing received her doctorate of nursing practice from the University of Arizona School of Nursing on August 8, 2013.

Dr. Dearing graduated with a grade point average of 3.65 and also became a member of Sigma Theta Tau, the international honor society of nursing.

She would like to thank the Chickasaw Education Services for providing her with scholarship, tuition, textbook and clothing grants in addition to licensing fees that allowed her to complete her doctorate.

She would also like to recognize Heather Duns, education specialist, for the tremendous support she has provided during the past three years.

Dr. Dearing has accepted a position at the Cancer Treatment Center of America in Goodyear, Ariz., as a clinical research nurse practitioner.

Fourth Annual Piomingo Day Pot Luck Picnic set for Oct. 19 in Orangevale, Calif.

ORANGEVALE, Calif. – The Fourth Annual Piomingo Day Pot Luck Picnic is set for Saturday, Oct. 19 in Orangevale. The picnic will run from noon to 5 p.m.

The picnic is hosted by the Nor-Cal Chickasaw Citizens Connection.

There will be food, fun and fellowship as well as cultural enlightenment by the Chickasaw Dance Troupe. Several Chickasaw Tribal Legislators will also be in attendance.

Everyone is asked to bring a dish to the picnic. For people whose last name begins with A through G, please bring a side dish. For those with last names beginning H through M, bring a

salad. N through S, bring dessert, and T through Z, appetizer.

Everyone is asked to bring their own plate and silverware. No alcohol is permitted.

The picnic will be at 5807 Walnut Avenue in Orangevale. If approaching from the south on Highway 50, exit left on Hazel Avenue, turn right on Madison Avenue and travel 1.3 miles to Walnut Avenue. Turn left on Walnut.

For more information, contact Phil Reynolds at (916) 990-5003, philreynolds2010@yahoo.com; David L. Clubb at (916) 806-4599, warclubb@yahoo.com; Joan Lewis at jalboob@gmail.com; or Barbara Keeley at keeleybj@att.net.

Chickasaw aquatics specialist training U.S. Marines

A Chickasaw aquatics specialist and physical therapy assistant is part of a unique program that helps U.S. Marines recover from non-combat injuries.

Terri Mitchell has been to 10 Marine bases this year teaching the Aquatic Maximum Power Intense Training (AMP IT) program. The program helps reduce musculoskeletal injuries like back pain, ankle and knee sprains and stress fractures. The program also provides excellent cross training and physical conditioning.

“This is not your typical water aerobics workout,” Ms. Mitchell said. “The program program gives an intense aquatic workout for injured Marines, but with less impact to knees, ankles, hips and spines.”

AMP IT is a 12-hour training



Terri Mitchell

program that includes deep water running and timing cadence for 30-second periods. The workout is intense and alternates multiple brief exercise segments with brief recovery periods.

The program also includes

shallow water training that utilizes medicine balls, tethers and noodles to incorporate other powerful activities in the water.

During her tour, Ms. Mitchell also engaged in “training the trainers” in which Marine personnel were instructed on how to do the program on base.

Ms. Mitchell worked on Marine bases in North Carolina, Hawaii, Georgia, South Carolina, California and Arizona.

It was an honor to help America’s servicemen and women, Ms. Mitchell said, and the program should help reduce injuries.

Ms. Mitchell is the daughter of Towanna Mitchell, the granddaughter of Earl and Illa Stewart, original enrollees.

Her great-great-grandfather was Gov. Cyrus Harris.

Chickasaw teenager competing in Bass Anglers

A 14-year-old Chickasaw boy is having success competing in big-time fishing tournaments.

Zach Holt, of Las Vegas, recently competed in the U.S. Open bass tournament on Lake Mead. Zach was given a special dispensation by the sanctioning body of the tournament so he could compete.

Zach is just the third teenager in the history of the tournament to be allowed to compete.

Zach began fishing when he was 10. His grandfather, Dan Holt, had pulled an old boat out of his garage and gave it to Zach’s dad, Paul Holt. Soon Zach and his dad were cruising the Colorado

River looking for petroglyphs.

The cruises turned into fishing trips and Zach was “hooked.”

This is the first year Zach is fishing in the Bass Anglers Federation and he is currently ranked fifth in points.

Zach raised the \$600 entry fee for the U.S. Open by mowing lawns and sponsorships from Adoption Awareness and Charlie’s Worms, a bait and tackle shop in Florida.

Zach is a freshman at El Dorado High School.

When asked what he enjoyed most about fishing, Zach replied “catching them!”



Zach Holt

Ambassador Blackwell served as an inspiration to young Chickasaws

Submitted by Chickasaw citizen Rusty Pickens

The loss of an elder among our Chickasaw tribal family is always hard, but the passing of Ambassador Charles Blackwell this winter was an especially deep loss.

As I sorted through some mementos last month, I came across a handwritten note he had penned to me upon hearing the news of my new job at the White House. At the end of a heartfelt congratulation he wrote: “Be of Strong Vision!”

Reflecting on that, I am thankful for the opportunity he and Governor Anoatubby gave me personally to come to Washington and it occurs to me that we have much to celebrate in the legacy that the Ambassador leaves behind.

I had heard that internships in Ambassador Blackwell’s office were sometimes referred to as “Finishing School for Young Chickasaws” and I can testify that they certainly were that! I spent my first day at Pushmataha House enduring his questioning about everything from why I didn’t graduate East Central until I was 27, to my political leanings, to matter-of-fact statements such as how beautiful Pennington Creek is in the summertime! Indeed, anyone who ever spent more than five minutes being captured by his stories and conversation can attest to his commanding presence that helped him excel at his position.

Ambassador Blackwell was very strict and required things just a certain way, usually his particular way, or there would be trouble. “Remember the Four Ways,” he would boom, “Strength, Courage, Wisdom, and Generosity,” just before he related some anecdote regarding whatever was the pressing issue of the day for us. But along with that sound advice he taught us habits necessary for survival in Washington: how to present one’s self both physically and verbally, how to properly entertain guests, and how to behave at or away from the office. He understood that in life, and in Washington especially, your first impression, your word, and your reputation are really all one has at the end of the business day.

He cultivated in those around him a strong sense of individual identity, but one that was tempered from a solid family, community, and tribal roots. Out of



Charles Blackwell

this nature grew his greatest contribution to our tribe, the deep significance of often overlooked words in the Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution: “To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian tribes.” The leadership of Ambassador Blackwell and Governor Anoatubby translated those five small words into the daily work of a domestic sovereign Indian tribe engaging and negotiating directly with the federal government. It was groundbreaking 20 years ago for modern tribal government relations and it remains a critically important area where the Chickasaw Nation is helping lead the way.

If you’ve ever had dinner with Ambassador Blackwell or attended one of his famous receptions at the tribal embassy, you’ve seen his style and method of getting things done. From the well-appointed and inviting Washington row house proudly displaying the Great Seal of the Chickasaw Nation to the meticulously selected seasonal food he offered and the lingering sweet taste of a Bedre’ Chocolate treat he would send home with each guest. He excelled at making a lasting positive impression on behalf of his tribe.

I am a firm believer that the prosperity we young Chickasaws - the Ambassador’s “chosen

grandkids” - are inheriting was built on the shoulders of the generations that came before. The Chickasaw Nation owes much to strong leaders like Ambassador Blackwell, Governor Anoatubby, and former Assistant Secretary and now Ambassador McCaleb. Their vision for applying the sovereign right of self-governance has enabled us to direct more of our own destiny and become a stronger partner with state and federal governments.

Ambassador Blackwell leaves an indelible mark for himself and the tribe on Capitol Hill. He was there in the beginning for the hard work of establishing the name Chickasaw in contemporary Washington. And though he was tough on those who worked for him, we turned out the better for it in the long run. Although we will still face many challenges together, I know we will always be able to find guidance from his leadership and the lessons he taught.

At the time I didn’t know that handwritten note wishing me well would be the last I would receive from him. But the words, “Be of Strong Vision,” are ones that we can hold in our hearts as we build upon the legacy our elders and Ambassador Blackwell have entrusted to us for a bright future.

2012 - 2013 Princesses bid farewell



Chelsea “Sissy” Wedlow
Chickasaw Jr. Princess



Payton Elise Robertson
Little Miss Chickasaw

Good Evening everyone my name is Chelsea “Sissy” Wedlow. I have had such a wonderful year with these girls getting to go to different places and getting to meet a lot of people and to shake many hands. We all know I like to talk a lot so I won’t be long.

First I would like to say thank you to my mom she is my nurse, driver, and my coach when I need her. She is raising me to be a smart and intelligent young woman in today’s society. Thank you to my brother and cousins for keeping me grounded in my thoughts and actions. For harassing me about being a princess but always proud and supportive in whatever event we were attending. Thank you to Uncle Vic and Cade for being my chauffeur and candy thrower in the parade last year. To my Granny and Aunties, you are all wonderful! Thank you for making sure I understand my role of princess... that I understand I come from a long line of Strong Chickasaw women and to know how far we have come in life, so my future is bright!

I would like to say thank you to Allen school. I appreciate the teachers and office staff working around my busy Princess schedule and of course to Mrs. Costner for always being my cheerleader.

To Miss Autumn Underwood, we have had fun together and we always laughed and sang whatever song came on the radio. It’s going to be hard not seeing you once a week but I will try to manage. I love you and keep singing your song!

To Miss Payton Robertson, I want you to know that you are so awesome you are like the little sister I never had. Girly keep that big smile on your face and you will be going places beyond your wildest dreams. I love you and stay beautiful.

Mary, you are so easy to talk to and I’m happy that you can act like a goof ball with us. We laugh all the time and we joke around, and you are not just the princess coordinator, you are the princess mom. Thank you Mary for always being there for us.

To the contestants tonight-good luck ladies, enjoy the memories and I hope you represent the nation to the best of your ability.

Finally I would to say thank you to last year’s judges for choosing me to be a princess. In my Chickasaw Junior Princess essay, I wrote “Being a Chickasaw Nation princess is more to me than just a crown and sash, it’s a job!” I took this statement seriously and I hope that you see I have served the Chickasaw Nation and the citizens in positive way. I am the princess who stood tall while representing the people of the Unconquered and Unconquerable Chickasaw Nation.

Chi’pisa’lacho...from the 2012-2013 Chickasaw Junior Princess Chelsea “Sissy” Wedlow.

Chukma, I cannot believe the year has gone so quickly! Last year at this time when I became Little Miss Chickasaw it was one of the most exciting times of my life. I did not even know that I won until they put the crown on me. It makes me sad that I will no longer be Little Miss Chickasaw but I know that another girl just like me will get to experience what I have experienced this past year and that makes me smile. I am sure the new Little Miss Chickasaw will have as much fun and learn as much as I did.

I experienced flying on an airplane for the very first time. I traveled to New Mexico twice and met princesses from Kiowa, Apache, Navajo and other tribes. I attended parades, Christmas parties, and graduations. My dad and I went to New York where we saw the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building, Times Square, Chinatown and Little Italy. We saw a Broadway show and rode a ferryboat. It was fun spending time and laughing with my dad.

I will never forget the first time I met Autumn and Chelsea last year at the Princess Pageant. I will miss spending time with Autumn and Chelsea the most and I will miss going to events with you two. Mary Hartley you are an incredible person and you do a great job. I will surely miss spending time with you too!

I am grateful to the people who encouraged me to run for Little Miss Chickasaw. I would like to thank my dad Steven Robertson, my sister Taylor Robertson and my cousin Sesiley Robertson former Little Miss Chickasaw and Chickasaw Princess and Debra Belt for helping me dress up for the pageant last year. Thank you to my mom Destiny Standifer, for taking me to a Chickasaw Princess event.

I want to thank Governor Anoatubby and Lt. Governor Keel for the Chickasaw Princess program. I have learned so much this past year about my Chickasaw heritage. I have also grown, I am not as shy as I used to be and I like to meet people now. I wanted to set a good example so I made sure that my grades were good. Now, I know I can be a straight A student.

I had such a busy, exciting, adventurous year as Little Miss Chickasaw. I will certainly run for Chickasaw Junior Princess and Chickasaw Princess when I get older.

Little Miss Chickasaw 2012-2013
Payton Elise Robertson

Cultural Center receives Chickasaw pistol

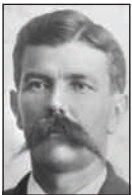
Iconic Colt .45 ‘Peacemaker’ donated



Mason Cole, director of Chickasaw libraries and research at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, holds a 110-year-old Colt .45 single action revolver that belonged to a prominent Chickasaw family. Passed down through three generations, it was recently donated to the tribe.

SULPHUR, Okla. – A 110-year-old Colt .45 single-action Army revolver has recently been donated to the Chickasaw Nation by a prominent Chickasaw family. The iconic American pistol is on display at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

The nickel-plated firearm was purchased in 1904 by Chickasaw citizen Holmes Willis. It was handed down through three generations of family before being donated by Mr. Willis’ great-grandson William Holmes Wil-



Holmes Willis

lis. The weapon, in good shape for its age, is adorned with pearl-handled pistol grips, a nicety that would have set the purchaser back a few extra dollars in 1904. The gun is also engraved. Such detail was rare on a typical weapon sold in the period.

Holmes Willis was a businessman and owned two general merchandise stores in the Kingston, Okla., area, according to research conducted by Cultural Center historian Mason Cole. Mercantile shops were the norm in 1904 and would have sold items ranging from ammunition, to coffee, groceries and tobacco.

According to Holmes Willis’ obituary, he was a cattle rancher and served as superintendent of Chickasaw schools. He moved the family to Kingston shortly after statehood and remained there the rest of his life. Mr. Willis’ business acumen led him to form

Holmes Willis and Co. Inc., with two of his sons and a son-in-law.

In a 1976 pre-printed article in the Kingston Messenger, Mr. Willis and his partners were praised as a “credit to Kingston and Marshall County. They are without a doubt merchants of which we are justly proud for their fair dealings and progressiveness.”

The article went on to say of Mr. Willis, “he was a national figure and the state of Oklahoma never raised a better man, morally or in a business way. His good deeds are as numerable as the cotton stalks in and around his old home and his name is revered by young and old.” The Messenger reprinted the article published by The Texoman circa 1910.

Mr. Willis was a descendant of the Love family which enjoyed particular influence among Chickasaws.

Then-Chickasaw Nation Gov. Douglas Johnston and Mr. Willis were politically closely connected. The latter was appointed head of the Chickasaw Commission in 1901 and worked with the Dawes Commission to close tribal rolls and seek an equitable process of allotting tribal lands to Chickasaw citizens. He also helped secure land allotment grants for Chickasaw children born after September 1902.

It is believed the Colt .45 was one of two purchased by Mr. Willis as a matching set, probably as protection for his businesses. Relatives do not know what happened to the second weapon, but his great-granddaughter, Joy Her-

ron, believes it is one of a set. “Relatives have sent me pictures of a gun, and (the make and model) do not match,” Mrs. Herron, of Mississippi, said. “I believe the gun was one of a matching set but I can’t find out where the other pistol went.”

The gun was donated to the Chickasaw Cultural Center, Mrs. Herron said, because the family is Chickasaw. Holmes Willis was 1/16 Chickasaw, Mrs. Herron said, and was her great-grandfather on her mother’s side of the family.

“He (William Holmes Willis) wanted the gun to go somewhere to be appreciated and admired,” she said. “He didn’t want to auction it.”

While the elder Mr. Willis died in 1914 and is buried in Kingston, the gun continued to be handed down through generations of family.

“It is a very nice weapon and has a lot of engraving on it,” Mrs. Herron said of the weapon, made famous as the “Peacemaker” since it was introduced to the public as a “Model P.”

It was purchased in bulk by the U.S. Army in 1873. It was the first military pistol that fired cartridges instead of utilizing black powder, ball and percussion cap. The black powder weapons were common in America just prior to, and immediately following, the Civil War. The Colt .45 was a revolutionary design for its day.

Cowboys called the weapon a “thumb-buster” since the thumb had to be used to cock the hammer thus rotating the six-shot cylinder after each cartridge was fired. Retail price for the weapon in 1904 would probably have been about \$45, according to the website Armslist. The website had a 1904 .45 caliber Colt on sale for \$4,000.

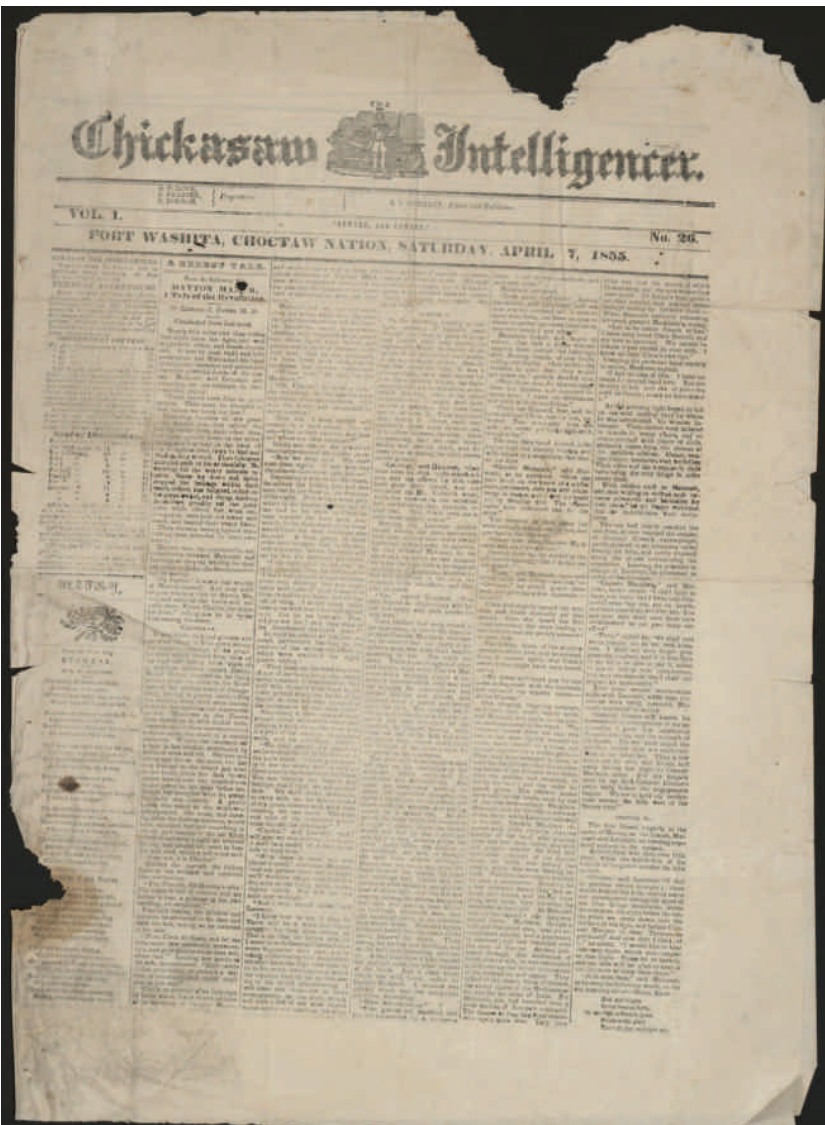
It was the Army’s sidearm of choice from 1873 to 1911. Even after the Army abandoned it, the love affair between it and the general public lived on. In the late 1950s and early 1960s, public interest in the weapon was resurrected by those who enjoyed watching television horse operas such as Gunsmoke, Rawhide, The Rifleman and Bonanza.

Today, it is the weapon preferred above all others by western re-enactors nationally.

The standard barrel length was 5 ½ inches. However, fictional Gunsmoke lawman Matt Dillon’s pistol had a 7 ½-inch barrel which he drew with ease to dispatch the bad guy in opening credits on the mega-hit TV western, the second longest running primetime television show in history with 635 episodes.

Little history of the Willis weapon survives. As far as anyone knows, it was never used in a gunfight or battle, Mr. Cole said. However, its unique place in Chickasaw history makes it iconic and it is proudly displayed in the Holisso Center.

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Chickasaw Times traces history back to early-day Intelligencer

For 37 years the Chickasaw Times, the official newspaper of the Chickasaw Nation, has been informing Chickasaw citizens, employees and community members about tribal milestones, programs, and services. The newspaper also reports on the accomplishments Chickasaw citizens.

The new broadsheet format of the Times debuts this month. The larger template offers a more eye-appealing layout, design and larger photographs.

The Chickasaw Times was established in 1976, and is the successor to the Chickasaw Newsletter and the Newsletter of the Chickasaws (1971-1976). All three publications were published quarterly by the authority of a Tribal Advisory Council.

The first 12-page Chickasaw Times cost 35 cents and detailed information about record attendance at the 16th Annual Meeting at Byng School and announced the selection of Lahoma Gayle Shields as the 1977 Chickasaw Princess. The publication also featured a two-page spread of photos from the 16th Annual Meeting.

The Chickasaw Intelligencer is actually the earliest-known Chickasaw Nation newspaper. Published from 1850 to 1857, the Chickasaw Intelligencer, along with the Choctaw Intelligencer and

the Cherokee Phoenix were among the first tribal newspapers in the United States.

The weekly Chickasaw Intelligencer was published every Saturday at Fort Washita, Chickasaw District, Choctaw Nation (near present-day Bryan, Okla.).

J.T. Daviess served as publisher of the English language newspaper, according to the U.S. Library of Congress. Science, agriculture, education and the arts, as well as the news of the day, were featured.

Yearly subscriptions were available for \$2.

Featured in the April 7, 1855 edition was an appeal to the U.S. on behalf of the Washington Monument, and a notice from B.F. Colbert regarding the purchase of Mitchell’s Ferry.

Today, more than 31,000 copies of the Chickasaw Times are mailed and distributed to Chickasaw citizens, employees, schools, libraries, newspapers and other organizations free of charge.

Current and archived issues of the Chickasaw Times can be accessed on line at www.chickasawtimes.net. A smart-phone application is also available and can be downloaded for free at www.Apple.com/iTunes for Apple products and www.play.google.com for Android devices.

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August 2013 Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement

Allison Woodward
Allison, daughter of David and Amy Woodward, of Mustang, Okla., is an August 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.
Allison is in the eighth grade at Mustang Middle School and was nominated by Sean McDaniel.
“Allison is an outstanding student,” Mr. McDaniel said. “She has been accepted as a 2012-2013 member of the Oklahoma Middle School Honor Society. She is a superior scholar.”
Allison is also in the Honor Society at Mustang Middle School. She enjoys drawing, archery, and playing video games. Allison has a love for reading and her favorite book is the “Mark of Athena” by Rick Riordan.

“My future plans include attending a college,” Allison said. “I would like to earn a degree in the visual arts.”
John West
John, son of Jeff and Lavonna Chambers, of Byng, Okla., is an August 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.
John is in the eighth grade at Byng Junior High School and was nominated by math and band teachers Laura Smith and Kelly Fike.
“As one of the best students in math class, John has been asked to participate in Byng’s talented program,” Ms. Smith said. “Placement in this program is based on academic performance and teacher recommendation.”



John West

John’s hobbies include playing guitar, video games and spending time with family. He is involved with Boy Scouts and currently holds the rank of Star. John also participates in school band and enjoys home economics.
“I enjoy spending time with my family,” John said. “I really want to learn how to fly a helicopter and be a pilot.”
Caroline Keel
Caroline, daughter of Franklin and Kathie Keel, of Lebanon, Tenn., is an August 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.
Caroline is a sophomore at Lebanon High School and was nominated by Counselor Lindsay Lamphere.



Caroline Keel

“Caroline is one of the strongest students in her class,” Ms. Lamphere said. “She balances rigorous school courses, playing in the marching band and an advanced independent placement course.”
Caroline’s hobbies include singing, running, acting and playing musical instruments that include the clarinet and marimba. She is involved in her schools marching and concert bands.
Caroline is a dedicated student. She independently studied for and passed the Advanced Placement Exam, earning the highest possible score.
“To my knowledge, only one student who has taken the exam has received a score as high as mine,” Caroline said. “Through determination and long hours of study, I did the best I could and was rewarded for it.”
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‘Grow up and move forward’

Chickasaw youth hear story of struggle, success from former Sooner



Chris Hammons

year.
“OU Chickasaw Kids Day gives Chickasaw youth a unique opportunity,” she said. “Not only do they have an amazing time at the stadium cheering on the Sooners, but the stories our guest speakers share always provide great information about how others have overcome adversity through hard work and dedication.”
Before enjoying a Sooner shutout of the University of Louisiana-Monroe, the kids were treated to a pre-game meal catered by legendary Head Country Barbecue at the Duck Pond just outside Gaylord Memorial Stadium.
After students feasted on ribs, brisket, hot links and potato salad, former Sooner tight end Chris Hammons talked to the group about his personal story of struggle and overcoming obstacles.
Mr. Hammons emphasized the key to his success and getting the opportunity to be a Sooner was commitment and mindset. He dedicated himself to improving his situation in life by showing up, working hard and following through in all phases of his life.
“It’s all about having a mindset bent on

shattering your enemies, and the enemies are your struggles,” Mr. Hammons told students.
Mr. Hammons told the young Chickasaws about growing up in a run-down trailer in Wilburton, Okla. with no running water or telephone line. At 15, Mr. Hammons’ father was sent to prison, leaving the teenager to fend for himself.
“When my dad told me he was going to be locked-away for 10 to 12 years, I had to make a decision,” Mr. Hammons said. “The decision I made was to grow up and move forward.”
Through the generosity of friends, an abundance of adaptability and a desire to secure a more prosperous future, Mr. Hammons finished high school in Sulphur,

Okla., and received a football scholarship from East Central University in Ada, Okla.
During his first year at East Central, Mr. Hammons worked hard, both on and off the field, and eventually attracted the notice of the OU.
A walk-on success story, Mr. Hammons was named team captain in 2000, and led the Crimson and Cream to a victory at the 2001 Orange Bowl. The team went on to claim the national champion title in the BCS National Championship Game, taking Florida State University down in a 13-2 win.
To learn more about OU Chickasaw Kids Day and other activities offered by the division of youth services, contact (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net.
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Gov. Anoatubby honored as ‘Door-Opener’ by education group



GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

tribe and has an annual budget of \$350 million. Gov. Anoatubby has been instrumental in improving the lives of Chickasaw people in finance, education, business, economic development, environmental protection, health care and countless other areas.
He was inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in 2004.
Mary Melon
Mary Melon is the editor and publisher of The Journal Record Publishing Company in Oklahoma City. She moved to Oklahoma with her family in 1975 and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in journalism from the University of Oklahoma in 1983. Under her guidance, the Journal Record’s “Woman of the Year” program has grown into an annual event attended by more than 600 supporters.
Peter Delaney
Peter Delaney is chairman, president and chief executive officer of Oklahoma Gas and Electric, headquartered in Oklahoma City. Mr. Delaney has worked for the utility giant many years, rising through the ranks from executive vice president for finance and strategic planning to his present position.
Becky Switzer
Becky Switzer is owner and president of Switzer Talent Agency. She is a graduate of Oklahoma City University and coached women’s gymnastics at the University of Oklahoma from 1980 to 2006. She also served as a coach for the 1988 Olympic USA Women’s Gymnastics Team. She and her husband, Barry, former coach of the Oklahoma Sooners and Dallas Cowboys, organized the talent agency to specialize in hiring celebrity guests for special events and hiring keynote speakers for seminars and business conferences.
About ASTEC
The Advanced Science and Technology Education Carter Schools became Oklahoma’s first start-up charter school in 2000. It was founded by Dr. Freda Deskin. The school began with just 100 middle school students and quickly grew to include a high school with a combine enrollment of 750 in addition to a “waiting list” of several hundred. ASTEC values character, manners, proper etiquette, social and cultural awareness and a strong work ethic and entrepreneurship.

OKLAHOMA CITY – Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby has been honored by the Advanced Science and Technology Education Charter (ASTEC) schools with that group’s Door-Opener Award.
Gov. Anoatubby was among four individuals cited by the organization Sept. 19 at the Oklahoma City Petroleum Club.
Other honorees included Pete Delaney, Mary Melon and Becky Switzer.
The awards were given to outstanding Oklahomans who “during their careers helped open doors for others,” according to ASTEC.
Gov. Bill Anoatubby
Gov. Anoatubby has served the Chickasaw Nation since 1975. He was hired by the tribe to oversee tribal health services.
He was later appointed director of the tribe’s accounting department and was responsible for program and personnel management and supervised tribal department heads.
He was the first popularly-elected lieutenant governor of the Chickasaw Nation in 1983 and was elected governor in 1987. He has served in that capacity for 26 years.
Gov. Anoatubby administers more than 50 government programs and 13 tribal businesses. The Chickasaw Nation is the country’s 13th largest Native American



Lifelong Sooner faithful, Tina Matthews-Price (seated) joins her daughter and friends in the pregame festivities at OU Chickasaw Kids Day. From left, Braden Cooper, Kaytlyn Price and Haley Shaw.

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Indian Country has its ghosts, too

Indian ‘paranormal enthusiasts’ study unexplained activity



N.A.P.P. member D.D. Jacob in Bohanon cabin at Fort Washita.

“We’re paranormal enthusiasts.”

Mark Williams, is founder of the Native American Paranormal Project (N.A.P.P). He describes his group of part-time explorers as “enthusiasts” as opposed to the professional paranormal investigators portrayed on such hit shows as “Ghost Hunters” and “Ghost Adventures.”

What also sets the N.A.P.P. apart is that all the members are Native American and that the group specializes in investigating Native American landmarks rumored to be haunted.

How it all began

Mr. Williams said that he has a lifelong interest in the supernatural and is a fan of television shows like “Ghost Hunters.” One night after viewing the program, he was inspired.

He posed the following question to a friend: “How cool would it be to see Native Americans on that screen?”

N.A.P.P. was started in the fall of 2011. Since then, the group has grown to nine team members who seek out paranormal phenomena in Indian Country. The group films its investigations and turns the footage into documentaries shown to audiences during film screenings.

Interest in the N.A.P.P.’s explorations has quickly grown

with more than 11,000 “likes” for the group’s Facebook page.

One N.A.P.P. member is Steve Jacob, a staff member with Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities. Mr. Jacob and Mr. Williams met a couple of years ago at the McSwain Theatre after a screening of one of the movies in the Chickasaw Nation’s Holba Kanali Native American film series.

Their conversation revealed that both shared an interest in the supernatural and the unknown. Mr. Jacob decided to join the N.A.P.P. shortly after their meeting.

“It’s kind of like a hobby. It’s a scary hobby at times but it’s a good hobby,” Mr. Jacob said.

Mr. Jacob’s wife, D.D. Jacob, a Chickasaw, is also an N.A.P.P. member. She decided to tag along during the group’s investigation of the Concho Indian Boarding School. Dubbed the group’s “resident skeptic,” Mrs. Jacob said she only went that first time to help her husband with the drive back from Concho.

However, based on what she has witnessed during the N.A.P.P.’s past investigations, Mrs. Jacob admitted she has become more open to the possibility the group has witnessed paranormal phenomena. She is now a permanent member of the group.

Ghost hunting

So far, the group has investigated various Native American sites in Oklahoma including the Concho Indian Boarding School in Concho, the Wheelock Acade-

my in Millerton and Fort Washita near Durant.

Group members scout out possible sites to explore via the Internet and from word-of-mouth. Then, they approach and get permission from the appropriate tribal officials to explore the selected location.

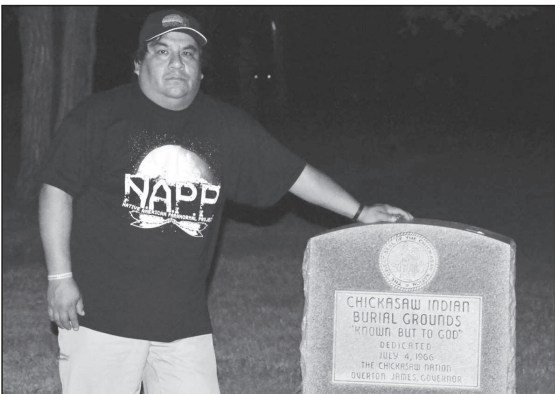
Once at the site, members are assigned an area to record. The group doesn’t use any specialized recording equipment. All of their equipment is consumer-grade audio and video electronics.

Mr. Jacob said the group approached each site respectfully and was careful not to disturb the surroundings or any ghostly inhabitants.

At first, Mr. Williams was concerned there may be fellow Native Americans, particularly tribal elders, who might object to investigating tribal landmarks. However, the feedback the group has received after film screenings has been mostly positive.

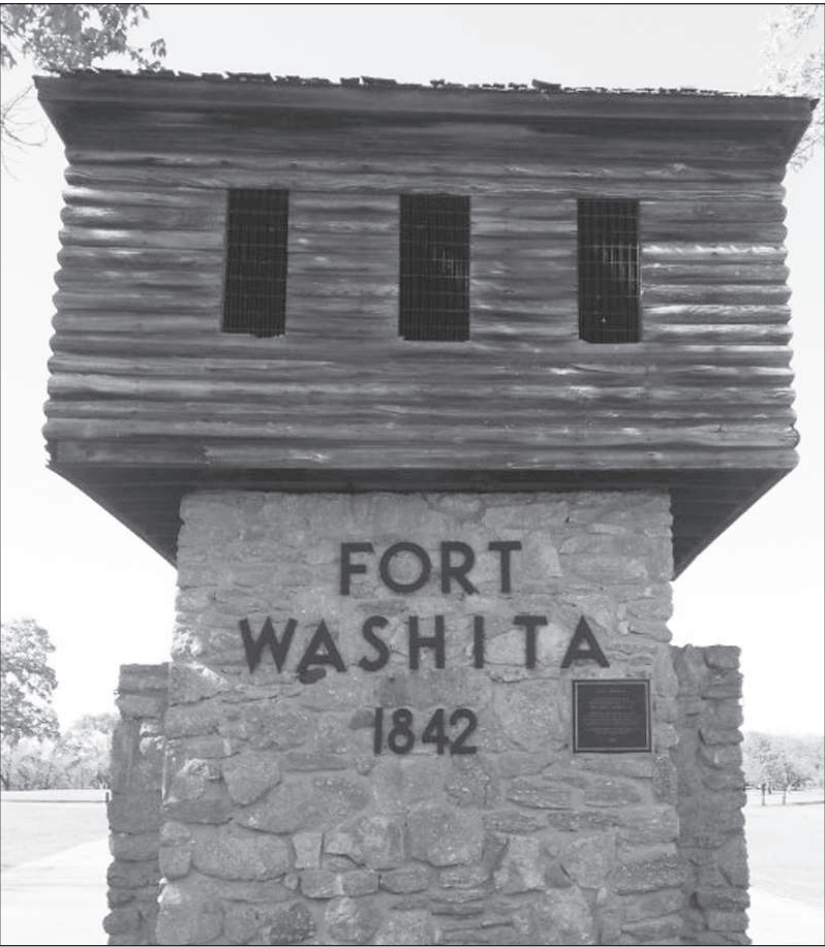
“What’s funny is that some of our biggest supporters are the elders,” Mr. Williams said.

Mr. Williams believes the investigative approach has been the key to success.



Steve Jacob takes a break from his investigation.

Whenever we do these investigations, you have to debunk it first,” he said. “You have to try to find a reason to say that it could have been something else. You don’t want to be one of those groups that thinks everything is an electronic voice phenomenon or a ghost. You kind of lose cred-



The Native American Paranormal Project arriving at Fort Washita in the Choctaw Nation.

ibility that way. You always try to find a reason first. Then when you get to the point where nothing could explain what it could have been, you pretty much have to say ‘We might have captured something.’”

And the group agrees it has definitely captured something during the course of the investigations. Mr. Williams and the Jacobs said the Wheelock Academy, a former girls boarding school, “put them on the map” as paranormal researchers. N.A.P.P. team members recorded multiple instances of ghostly voices and other unidentifiable sounds. Near the end of the investigation, the female members of the team reported footsteps and girls’ voices.

In August, the team investigated Fort Washita, built in 1842 and operated through 1865. The fort was originally constructed to protect the Chickasaw and Choctaw people from outside invaders.

According to the TravelOK website, Fort Washita is rumored to be haunted by a ghost called Aunt Jane, a woman who was murdered because she wouldn’t reveal the location of her buried money. Aunt Jane’s money was never found, and she was buried on the fort grounds. Since then, Jane’s ghost has reportedly been seen near the fort’s ruins wearing a white gown.

The N.A.P.P. will reveal the findings of the Fort Washita investigation in a feature-length documentary currently being edited. The group plans to present the film at a showing for the Choctaw Nation sometime soon.

More information about N.A.P.P., including upcoming film screenings, is available on the group’s Facebook page and the website, www.nativeboyproductions.com.

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CONNERVILLE Connerville Chickasaw Community Council Bi-Monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m. Tony Poe, 580-421-4994	ARIZONA Chickasaws of Arizona Quarterly Meetings Angie Ott, 480-834-7309	NEW ENGLAND New England Chickasaw Citizen Connection Semi-Annually Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165
KINGSTON Chickasaws of Texoma Quarterly, 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Ruth McAdoo, 580-564-6803	CALIFORNIA Southern California Chickasaw Community Council Quarterly, 3rd Saturday 2:00 p.m. Bill Chandler, 714-604-5224 or wchandler@socal.rr.com	NEW MEXICO New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council Quarterly Rita Yepa, 505-350-8372
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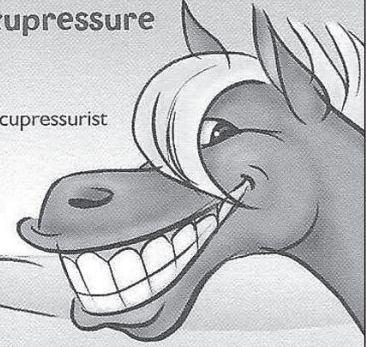
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Gloria Sue Baptiste



ARDMORE, Okla. -- Gloria Sue Baptiste, 71, died Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2012, at Ardmore, Okla.

Funeral services were 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 31, 2012, in the chapel at Griffin-Hillcrest with Rev. Ed Lee and Rev. Randy Baptiste officiating. Mrs. Baptiste's daughter and Native Praise provided music for the service. Interment followed in Hickory Cemetery, Carter County, Okla.

Mrs. Baptiste was born on April 12, 1941, to Jasper Ensharkey and Elsie (Lewis) Ensharkey in Ardmore. She married Lonzo Baptiste on Aug. 12, 1959.

An Ardmore native, she grew up going to McAlister Church in Overbrook and was a graduate of Dickson High School. She worked as a home health nurse throughout the Tulsa area. She received her associate's degree from Tulsa Junior College. She was a member of the Bowen Baptist Church in Tulsa for 40 years and served as director of the Oklahoma Indian Women's Conference six years and as church clerk for 10 years.

Gloria and Lonzo promoted Southern gospel music and travelled with their family music group, The Baptiste Family, for many years. In 2005, the family moved to Ardmore and moved their church membership to Northeast Baptist Church. She also received certification to teach the Chickasaw language. She was a member of Native Praise, traveling to Washington, D.C., to sing at the White House.

Mrs. Baptiste was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She loved her animals.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, a son-in-law, Pedro Garcia, and two daughters, Leona Carol and Victoria Baptiste.

She is survived by a son, William Victor Baptiste, Ardmore; three daughters, Luleda Rose West and her husband, Dana, Concho, Okla.; Tracy Janine Garcia, Ardmore, and JoAnna Gail Cantley and her husband, Ambus, Ardmore; 11 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and a half-sister, Serena Wilmond.

Pallbearers were Gloria's grandsons. Her sons-in-law served as honorary bearers.

A prayer service was held from 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 30, 2012 at Griffin-Hillcrest, Ardmore.

Roy Neal Byrd, Jr.



Memorial services for Roy Neal Byrd, Jr., 91, were Sunday, Sept. 1, 2013, with John Rawlings, Rebecca Byrd and Rev. Murray Travis officiating.

Mr. Byrd was born Feb. 12, 1922, to Roy Neal and Camilla Byrd. He married Katy Jean Black on Oct. 10, 1941.

He grew up in Canyon, Texas, and graduated from Canyon High School. After graduation, he attended New Mexico Military Institute at Roswell in 1942. He was a World War II veteran.

He was commissioned in 1944 and saw action in the U.S. Air Force serving as a

bombardier in the Mediterranean Theater. He was a crew member on a B-24 bomber and was promoted to Captain. He was honorably discharged in 1945.

Mr. Byrd was a graduate of West Texas State College in Canyon, and San Francisco Theological Seminary. He was ordained at the First Presbyterian Church in Canyon in 1959. He served churches in Nebraska, Texas and Colorado.

He was a voting citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and an honored elder. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and two sons, John and George.

Survivors include sons Roy and his wife, Jackie, of Park City, Utah, and Jeffrey and his wife, Kris, of Killeen, Texas; a daughter, Rebecca, of Happy, Texas; eight grandchildren living in Washington, Nebraska, Illinois, Utah and South Carolina, in addition to numerous great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to Dreamland Cemetery, P.O. Box 38, Canyon, TX 79015.

Joslyn Marie Cabre



Joslyn Marie Cabre, 28, of Ten Sleep, Wyo., died Aug. 8, 2013, at Integris Baptist Center in Oklahoma City. She had been working on a ranch in northern Oklahoma this summer.

Born in Thermopolis, Wyo., of Feb. 2, 1985, she was the daughter of Janna L. Hampton and the late Jack A. Cabre. As a baby, she was baptized in the Episcopal Church in Thermopolis.

Ms. Cabre grew up surrounded by family, friends, horses, art, Wyoming landscapes and all the beauty and fulfillment ranching life has to offer. Growing up, she was gifted in track, basketball, and volleyball. She loved to snowboard.

She possessed a natural artistic talent, winning second place in the Wyoming Duck Stamp competition.

Her passion for horses led her to be a horsewoman disciplined in both English and Western riding. She went to the Wyoming State Fair with her 4-H horse projects before graduating from Ten Sleep High School in 2004.

After graduation, her adventurous nature took her to Portland, Ore., for the summer where she worked and snowboarded. In the autumn of 2004, she traveled and lived in New Zealand for three months where she exercised polo horses and worked on a farm.

She ventured back to Ten Sleep to take over the family's coffee shop for the next two years. For a time, she also worked in Worland, Wyo., for Continental Pipeline.

She was known as a "top hand" and helped her family and friends with sheep and cattle work. Her steady, easy-going nature and independent thinking made her an ideal stockman and she enjoyed working for several local ranchers. Her loyalty was to the Brubaker Sheep Co., and Bobby Brubaker was like a father to her.

Between seasons in 2008, she went to a farrier school in Missouri to learn how to shoe horses. She aspired to be self-sufficient as a rancher and had acquired her own cattle and horses.

Most recently, Ms. Cabre was involved in the Ten Sleep Rodeo Association by helping organize the local queen contest and promoting the rodeo. She had a great talent and passion for filming rodeos and personal events and was commissioned to create informational video projects.

She enjoyed hanging out with family and friends, reading and inventing. She loved wrangling her three young nephews, but being on a horse was where she fit best.

She was preceded in death by her father. She is survived by her parents, Janna Hampton and Alan Fulfer, of Ten Sleep; sisters, Jamy Cabre, Laramie, Wyo., and Andrea (R.C.) Carter, Ten Sleep, and Taylor and Makayla Fulfer, Worland; nephews, Cameron, Will, and Tru Carter, Ten Sleep. She is also survived by her maternal grandparents, Sam and Phyllis Hampton, of Big Sleep; her great-grandmother, Anna Weigel, of Oregon, and her paternal grandmother, Amy Lee Cabre, Bozeman, Mont. Surviving uncles include Dan Hampton and family; Steve Hampton and family, and Justin Hampton, all of Big Sleep. Surviving aunts include Valerie Umemoto and family of Billings, Mont., and Zoe Mayer and family of Bozeman, Mont.

Ms. Cabre's great-grandmother was Matti

O'Wanda Handwirk and her great-great-grandmother was Mekota Love, both original Chickasaw enrollees.

A memorial service to celebrate Joslyn's life was held at Zion Evangelical Church in Worland, Wyo., Aug. 19, 2013.

Memorials in Joslyn's name may be made at Summit National Bank, P.O. Box 27, Ten Sleep, WY 82442. Money will be used to fund a future rodeo project in Ten Sleep.

Violet Katrina Harrill

Violet Katrina Harrill is one happy little lady as she left this world for her Heavenly home on Sept. 16, 2013, in Lake Country Nursing Center, Marietta, Okla. She was 95.

Services were 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18, at Burneyville Baptist Church where Violet was a member. Officiating were Chaplain Matt Benedict and Rev. John Wackler. Interment was in Burneyville Cemetery under the direction of Flanagan-Watts Funeral Home, Marietta.

Mrs. Harrill was born Nov. 14, 1917, to Thomas Wesley Hays and Ruby Lee Adams Hays. A graduate of Burneyville High School, she attended Pike School where she learned to write and that education served her well through the years as she wrote cards and letters to everyone she knew, as well as for the Marietta Monitor.

She married Arlie E. Harrill on May 4, 1937. They traveled, worked, danced and loved for 64 years until his death in 2001.

Mrs. Harrill loved people. She raised her family and worked at the cookie shop, the pants factory, the Red Rooster and the Falconhead Coffee Shop. She helped with grandchildren and great-grandchildren and also cared for her parents until their deaths.

She never met anyone who stayed a stranger. She would feed any stray person or animal that came into her presence and always had a smile on her face.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Thomas Welsey Hays, Jr.; half-brother, Jack Hays; her husband, Arlie, and son-in-law, Wendell Nail.

She is survived by her children: a son, Randy Harrill and his wife, Kay, of Addison, Texas; three daughters, Arlene Harrill Nail, Lone Grove, Okla., Peggy Harrill Gipson and her husband, Bill, and Tanya Harrill Teafatiller and her husband, Robert, all of Burneyville; grandchildren, Lisa Harrill Generia and her husband, Michael; Lynn Harrill Dugger and her husband, Blair; Wendy Nail McGahan and her husband, Danny; Scott Nail and his wife, Karen; Rhedonna Gipson Ralls and her husband, Phil; Dewayne Gipson and his wife, Lisa; Michael Gipson; Shana, Jason and Stephanie Teafatiller; great-grandchildren, Clint and Kinley Johnson; Collin and Presley Dugger; Dara McGahan; Tracy McGahan; Taylor Fischer; Taleigh and Tucker Nail; J.J. Ralls; Ember Schaffer; Layne Chapman; Nyne Chapman; Coda Metcalf, and Caige Pruett; great-great-grandchildren, Addison, Gracie and Jackson.

Serving as bearers were Thomas Ray Hays, Scott Nail, Dewayne Gipson, Michael Gipson, Phillip Ralls, and Robert Teafatiller. Honorary bearers were Dr. Tom O'Connor, the staff of Lake Country Nursing Center and Cross Timbers Hospice.

Memorials may be made to Cross Timbers Hospice c/o Flanagan-Watts Funeral Home, 100 E. Main Street, Marietta, OK 73448.

Fred B. Jones, Jr.



Funeral services for Fred B. Jones, Jr. were Friday, Sept. 6, 2013, at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Dan Patman officiating.

Mr. Jones was born July 23, 1921, to Fred B. Jones and Cora Maud Archerd in Madill, Okla. His family moved to Durant, Okla., when he was young and he attended Durant public schools. He also attended Southeastern State University and the University of Oklahoma but dropped out to enlist in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He earned his wings and an officer's commission of 2nd Lieutenant in April 1943.

He served in England and France flying DC-3 and C-47 aircraft, carrying parachute infantrymen and delivering needed supplies during World War II. He participated in the D-Day Invasion in Normandy carrying troops to Ste. Mere Iglise, a small French town. He participated in a number of other drops and supply deliveries. He was a member of the 73rd Squadron and the 434th Group. He was discharged as a Captain.

After the war, he returned to Oklahoma and enrolled at the University of Oklahoma where he earned a bachelor of science degree in geology in 1948. He joined Gulf Oil Corp., in Sinclair and worked in Ardmore, Wichita, Kan., Anchorage, Ala., and Tulsa, Okla. He then was employed by Atlantic-Richfield.

He loved to sing and participated in choirs, quartets, duets and sang solo in schools, churches and synagogues.

He was active in the Ardmore Geological Society and held most offices of that organization. He was an active member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, attending conventions in San Antonio, Texas; San Francisco, Calif.; St. Louis, Mo., and Calgary, Canada.

He married Nancy Jeanne Fondren on July 3, 1943, in Alliance, Neb., where he was in flight training. He was preceded in death by his parents as well as four sisters: Doris Markham, Maxine Pate, Elsie Lehman and Mary Verna Jones. He is survived by a sister, Martha Lou Sullivan, Durant. He had three children: Carol Ann Jones, Norman, Okla.; Janet Ruth Reinish and her husband, Jim, also of Norman, and a son, Fred Wesley Jones and his wife, Holly, Edmond, Okla. He had two grandchildren, Eric Weber, Norman, and Paige Weber, Houston, Texas.

Serving as pallbearers were Ron Bryant, Mark Littlechild, Eric Webber, Jim Reinish, Bill Boone and Fred Schmidt. Serving as honorary pallbearers were O.K. Cunningham, Bob Allen, Clem Smalley and Willard Hohnstein. Online condolences may be made at www.craddockfuneralhome.com.

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LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
August 16, 2013

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Chairperson Steve Woods called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL
Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
Members absent: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond
Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel
Guests present: Dana Lance, Michael L. Wingo, S. Ashley Large

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION
Invocation was given by Mr. Woerz.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - July 19, 2013
A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve the minutes of July 19, 2013.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
9 yes votes
The motion to approve the minutes of July 19, 2013, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS
There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus
General Resolution Number 30-041, Application for Membership, National Congress of American Indians
This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for membership in the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). This is virtually the same application which is submitted to the Legislature for approval each year. The NCAI has been instrumental in supporting issues of importance to Native Americans. As an independent group, NCAI is representative of the largest concentration of Native Americans and is often called upon by Congress to provide information and testimony on important Indian subjects. The Chickasaw Nation has been a member in good standing in NCAI since the early 1980s. This resolution also names the representatives of the Chickasaw Nation to NCAI.
A motion was made by Ms. Elliott and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve GR30-041.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
9 yes votes
The motion to approve GR30-041 carried unanimously. Ms. McManus concluded her report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)
There was no new business or comments from citizens.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT
The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:06 a.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Connie Barker, Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature
Prepared by:
Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
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SEPTEMBER 2013 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 30-042
Resolution Changing the Meeting Day for the October, 2013, Regular Session
Explanation: This resolution changes the meeting day for the Regular Session of the Chickasaw Tribal legislature in October, 2013. The October Regular Session is the first session of the Fiscal Year and it is important to have all Legislators there because the annual election of officers is held during that Session. Several Legislators have a scheduling conflict with the third Friday of October, 2013, due to the National Congress of American Indians meetings in Tulsa the third week of October; therefore, it is imperative that the Session be held on a different day.
Presented By: Legislative Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
Absent: Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz
General Resolution Number 30-043
Authorization for Fee to Trust Request for Property in Pontotoc County
Explanation: The resolution authorizing the acquisition of the subject property (GR13-024) did not authorize the Governor to request the land to be placed into trust. This Resolution authorizes and approves the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation. Subject property is described as:
A part of the NE/4 of the SE/4 of the SW/ 4 of Section 28, Township 4 North, Range 6 East, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point 47.9 feet West and 65.0 feet South of the Northeast corner of said NE/4 of the SE/4 of the SW/ 4; thence South a distance of 20.00 feet; thence West a distance of 88.00 feet; thence South a distance of 67.50 feet; thence East a distance of 88.00 feet; thence South a distance of 62.50 feet; thence West a distance of 192.00 feet; thence North a distance of 150.00 feet; thence East a distance of 192.10 feet to the point of beginning, containing .52 acre, more or less.
Property Location: 1019 North Broadway, Ada, Oklahoma
Use: S.C.O.R.E. offices and radio broadcast facility
Purpose: Self-determination
Presented by: Land Development Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
Absent: Mary Jo Green, David Woerz
General Resolution Number 30-044
Authorization for Fee to Trust Request for Property in Pontotoc County
Explanation: The resolution authorizing the acquisition of the subject property (GR20-053) did not authorize the Governor to request the land to be placed into trust. This Resolution authorizes and approves the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation. Subject property is described as:
Lot 19, Block 91, Original Townsite of Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof.
Property Location: 130 West Main Street, Ada, Oklahoma
Use: A part of the renovated McSwain Theater
Purpose: Self-determination
Presented by: Land Development Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
Absent: Mary Jo Green, David Woerz
Permanent Resolution Number 30-008
Amendments to Title 2, Chapter 5 Article D of the Chickasaw Nation Code
(Legislative Department Employee Rules and Regulations)
Explanation: This resolution amends Title 2, Chapter 5 Article D of the Chickasaw Nation Code. The amendments will provide for Legislative Department employee policies.
Presented By:Legislative Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
No votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case
Absent: Mary Jo Green, David Woerz

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Meeting
September 16, 2013
Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins
Absent: Linda Briggs, Mary Jo Green
Finance Committee
September 9, 2013
Present: Toby Perkins, Connie Barker, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Steve Woods
Absent: Linda Briggs, David Woerz
Hunting & Fishing Code
September 16, 2013
Present: Steve Woods, Tim Colbert Toby Perkins, Scott Wood
Absent: David Woerz
Land Development Committee
September 9, 2013
Present: Linda Briggs, Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz, Steve Woods
Absent: Tim Colbert
Health Care Committee
September 9, 2013
Present: Connie Barker, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
Absent: Shana Hammond
Legislative Committee
September 9, 2013
Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
Absent: Tim Colbert, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus

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4. Dean McManus 5980 CR 3430 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 235-2651 Dean.McManus@chickasaw.net	4. Shana Tate Hammond 801 N. Mississippi Ada, Oklahoma (580) 235-1438 Shana.Hammond@chickasaw.net	Panola District Seat # 1. Beth Alexander Box 246 Achille, OK 74720 (580) 272-7850 beth.alexander@chickasaw.net bethalexander22@hotmail.com
5. Mary Jo Green 2000 E. 14th Place Ada, OK 74820 (580) 310-4563 Mary.Green@chickasaw.net		

2013 53rd Annual Meeting and 25th Chickasaw Festival

September 28 - October 5



DAY/DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Friday, September 27	8:00 PM - 2:00 AM	Stomp Dance	Kullihoma
Saturday, September 28	7:30 AM	Golf Tournament Registration	Tishomingo Golf Course
	8:00 AM	Traditional Cornstalk Shoot - Registration	Kullihoma Softball Fields
	8:30 AM	Traditional Cornstalk Shoot- Kids Shoot	Kullihoma Softball Fields
	9:00 AM	Golf Tournament Begins	Tishomingo Golf Course
	10:30 AM	Traditional Cornstalk Shoot - Adult Shoot	Kullihoma Softball Fields
	9:00 AM	Jr. Olympics Registration	THS Football Field
	9:00 AM	Co-Ed Slow Pitch Softball Tournament	MSC / J.C. Sports Complex
	8:00 AM	Fun Run/Walk	Refuge (Tishomingo)
	8:30 AM	5K Run/Walk	Refuge (Tishomingo)
	9:30 AM - 4:30 PM	Chickasaw Bank Museum (Open)	Tishomingo
	10:00 AM	Jr. Olympics Begins	THS Football Field
	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Chickasaw Cultural Center (Open)	Sulphur
Sunday, September 29	12:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Chickasaw Cultural Center (Open)	Sulphur
Monday, September 30	6:00 PM	Princess Pageant	Ada Cougar Activity Center
Tuesday, October 1	7:30 PM	Movie Night (showing Brave)	Capitol Grounds Lawn
Tuesday, October 1 - Thru - Thursday, October 3	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Cultural School Tours	Cultural Center/Sulphur
	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Tours of Tishomingo Museums	Capitol Grounds and West Side
	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Kids Activities Tent, Petting Zoo, Inflatables	Pennington Park
	10:00 AM - 2:00PM	Chickasaw White House Tours	Emet
	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Chickasaw Cultural Center (Open)	Sulphur
	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Mike Larsen Elders Exhibit	CCC Exhibit Hall
	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Chickasaw Bank Museum (Open)	Tishomingo
Wednesday, October 2	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Chickasaw Senior Olympics	Tishomingo/J.C. Sports Complex
Thursday, October 3	4:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Cultural Evening	CCC/Sulphur
	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Arts & Culture Awards	CCC/Sulphur (Anoli Theatre)
	7:30 PM	Reception CONTRIBUTED BY Tony Choate, Media Relations.	Anoli Theatre Lobby
Friday, October 4	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Southeastern Art Show and Market	Capitol Grounds West Side
	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Stickball Demonstrations, Dance Troupe & Cultural Demonstrations	Capitol Grounds West Side
	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Vendors: Arts & Crafts/Food	Pennington Park
	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Kids Activities Tent, Petting Zoo, Inflatables	Pennington Park
	9:30 AM -4:30 PM	Chickasaw Bank Museum (Open)	Tishomingo
	8:00 PM - Until Finished	Johnston County Riding Club Rodeo	Tishomingo Tee Pee Arena
Saturday, October 5	8:00 AM	Chickasaw Citizen Registration	MSC Student Center
	8:00 AM	Disaster Relief Drive	MSC Student Center
	9:00 AM	Annual Meeting begins	MSC Fletcher Auditorium
	9:00 AM	Fast Pitch Softball Tournaments (Womens and Mens)	Tishomingo / J.C. Sports Complex
	9:00 AM - 5:30 PM	Vendors: Arts and Crafts/Food	Pennington Park
	Noon - 5:00 PM	Live Entertainment	Pennington Park
	8:00 AM - 4:30 PM	Chickasaw Bank Museum (Open)	Tishomingo
	11:30 AM - 5:30 PM	Souvenir Sales (Annual Meeting & Festival T-shirts/Hats)	Capitol & Main Street Corner
	11:30 AM-5:00 PM	Southeastern Art Show and Market	Capitol Grounds West Side
	11:30 AM - 5:30 PM	Petting Zoo, Kids Inflatables, Make and Take Tents,	Pennington Park
	11:30 AM - 5:30 PM	Stickball Demonstrations, Dance Troupe & Cultural Demonstrations	Capitol Grounds West Side
	11:30 AM - 5:30 PM	Chickasaw Press Book Signing	Capitol Building 2nd floor
	11:45 AM - 3:00 PM	Chickasaw Traditional Meal	MSC Lawn
	11:45 AM	Health Fair	MSC Lawn
	11:45 AM	Parade	Main Street Tishomingo
	12:00 PM	Horseshoe Tournament Registration and Tournament Begin	Pennington Park
	12:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Chickasaw White House Tours	Emet
	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Chickasaw Cultural Center (open)	Sulphur
	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Tours of the Chickasha Poya Exhibit Center	CCC Exhibit Center
	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Portraits of the Elders by Mike Larsen	CCC Aatifama Room
	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Aaholitopli Honor Garden Tours	CCC Honor Garden
	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Cultural Demonstrations	CCC Traditional Village
	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Holisso Research Center (open)	CCC Holisso Center
	2:00 PM - Until Finished	Band Day Extravaganza	THS
	4:00 PM	Stickball Exhibition Game	South of J.C. Sports Complex
	8:00 PM - Until Finished	Johnston County Riding Club Rodeo	Tishomingo Tee Pee Arena

CCC = Chickasaw Cultural Center

MSC = Murray State College

J.C. Sports Complex = Johnston County Sports Complex

THS = Tishomingo High School

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